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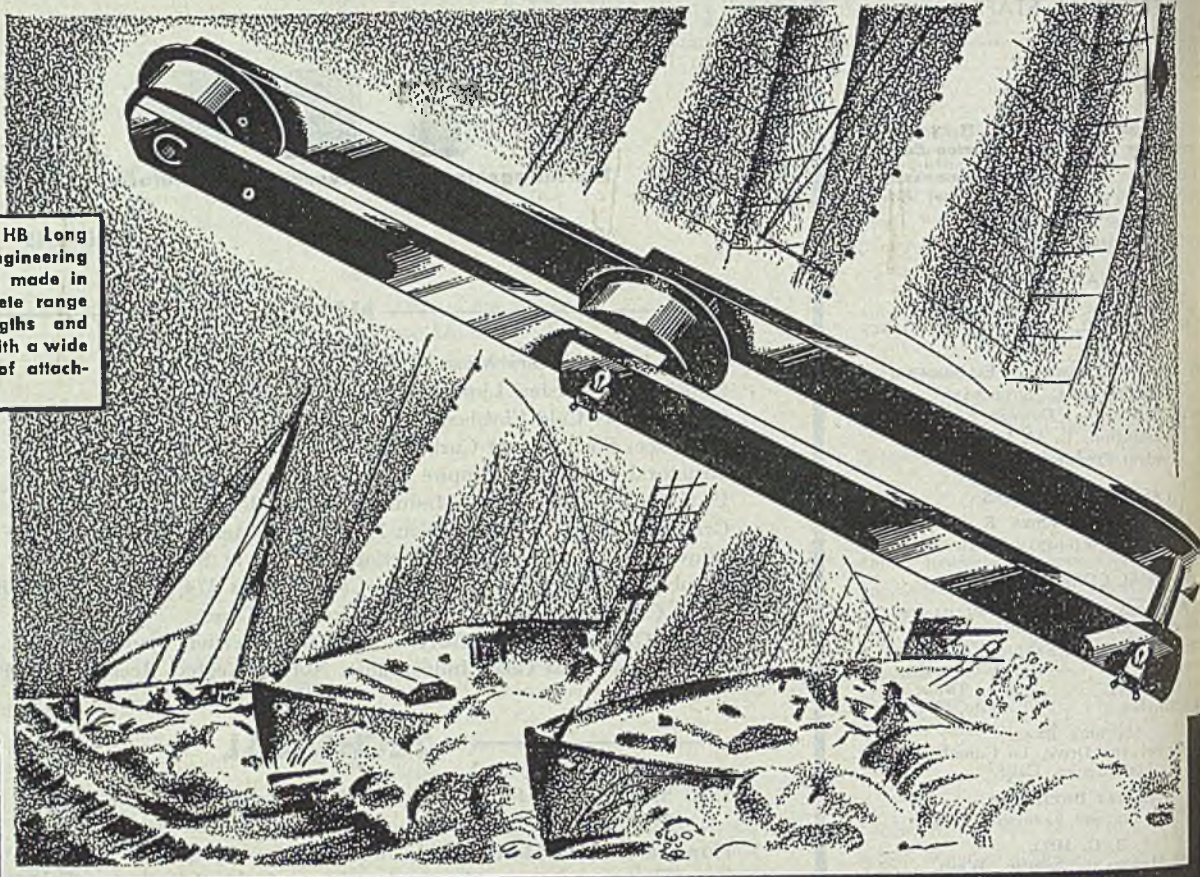
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### Lesson From Britain

Ever since the British election, numerous commentators and public officials in the United States have made much of the idea that the swing to the left in England justifies a corresponding shift in our country. They say the British overturn will encourage the Labor-New Deal coalition to press harder for social reform and that it may cause President Truman to bear more toward the left. Some members of Congress are using the British election as an argument for expanding social security.

From this enthusiasm to exploit the British reversal in the United States, one would think that our English cousins had found the key to Utopia. As a matter of cold fact, they have made a painful decision. They have been appraising the postwar economic prospects of Britain and have found them gloomy. They have been contemplating the problem of regaining a dominant position in foreign trade and are shocked by the difficulties of trying to revive this trade under the handicaps of depleted finances and shipping and of certain industries—coal, for instance—which are too backward to produce efficiently or to pay decent wages.

So discouraging is the prospect under the domestic policies pursued during the past decade that the British people, although conservative at heart, feel they are forced to try an alternative. They are turning leftward to invoke more government controls because private enterprise has not been effective.

If the situation in the United States were as acute as it is in war-weary Britain, then there might be some excuse for applying the desperate British remedy. But our situation is not acute. On the contrary, our prospect for stability on a high level for some years to come are bright. None of our important industries is decadent. Private enterprise in the United States is not so feeble that it must be shelved in favor of nationalization. A survey by the Department of Commerce shows that 7000 manufacturers and the railroads and utilities have \$10,500,000,000 ready to spend for new plants, equipment, material and supplies as soon as regulatory, manpower and other restrictions permit.

Where in all the world is there a potential for jobs and economic well-being as great or as promising as this? No nationalization project anywhere can match these chips held by private enterprise.

The lesson of the British election for us is to keep private enterprise strong. Save it from strangulation by regulation. Encourage it to prosper and to serve the public satisfactorily.

**CO-ORDINATION NEEDED:** Too little attention in high places is being given to the challenges embodied in the prospective situations in coal and transportation.

Secretary Ickes says we should ship 6,000,000 tons of coal to Europe to prevent anarchy this winter. His argument is convincing. At the same time, Dr. C. J. Potter, deputy solid fuels administrator, is warning that the shortage of coal may force industry, including steel mills, to go on a 4-day week. Ickes has been consistent in telling the

public it will have 80 per cent or less of last year's coal supply for next winter's home heating.

The transportation situation, already acute, probably will get worse before it can improve. It is due to the unprecedented heavy traffic and the transfer of men from the European to the Asiatic theaters of war.

In coal and transportation, early relief could be forthcoming if the Army could release coal miners and railroad men from military service. Army officers have promised some slight relief, but they

complain that such releases play havoc with the point system for discharge.

Here is a case where good co-ordination at the top in Washington could avert a calamity. It presents a challenge to and an opportunity for the Truman appointees to prove anew the adage that a new broom sweeps clean. —p. 87.

**CURB ON BIG BUSINESS:** Uncle Sam is in business in a big way. There are 101 separate government corporations engaged in production, transportation, generation of power, loans, housing, insurance and other lines of business. These corporations have gross assets of \$29.6 billion and liabilities of \$28.4 billion.

Alarmed at the free and easy manner in which such government corporations can be created and operated, the House Committee to Investigate Expenditures in the Executive Departments has introduced H.R. 3660, a bill that would require all government corporations to be established by an act of Congress. The bill also would put an end to all government corporations after June 30, 1948, unless they had obtained congressional authority to incorporate under federal charter. The bill also provides for budgetary controls and periodic commercial-type audits.

This bill should help President Truman in his apparent determination to introduce more business-like methods in government. With administration approval it could be passed by both houses easily. The sooner it becomes a law, the better. —p. 95

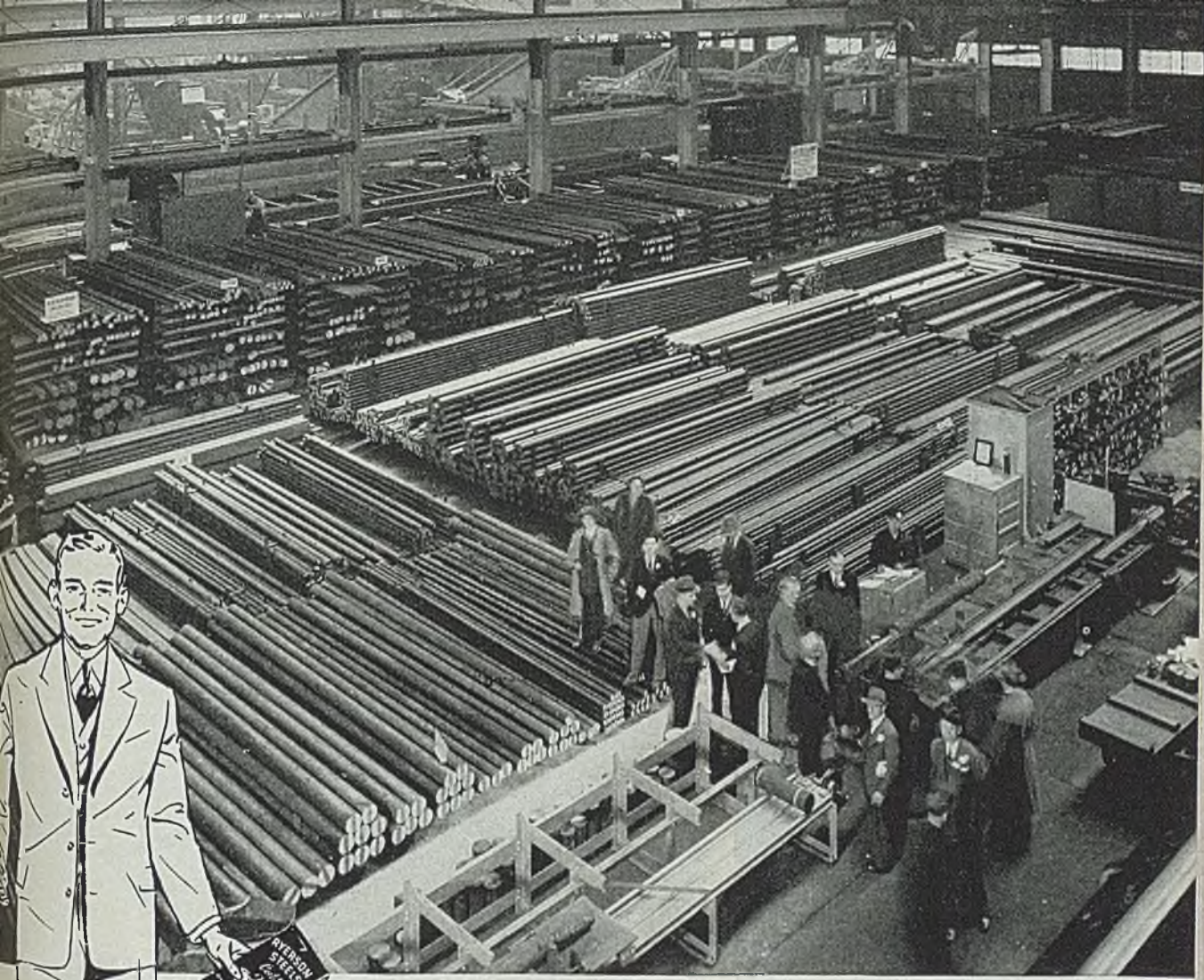
**COMPLICATED RULING:** An adjustment in the prices of cold-finished carbon steel bars effective Aug. 6 deserves special attention because it is the first compensatory price ruling applied by OPA to iron and steel products since the present system of government price control was inaugurated.

The adjustment involves an increase of \$2 per ton in the base price of cold-finished bars and a reduction of \$6 per ton in the extra for strain and stress relieving and a reduction of \$2 per ton in the extra for physical inspection and testing.

No matter how carefully this price ruling may have been worked out, it is obvious that to apply such a complicated solution to all price problems in iron and steel is an endless job and one that probably will fall far short of being fair to all interests concerned. One must hope that the need for price control will pass before the rules become more complicated. —p. 86

**SIGNS OF THE TIMES:** Ability of structural steel to absorb dynamic forces greatly in excess of those anticipated in normal structural design was demonstrated by the unfortunate accident in which a B-25 bomber, traveling at from 250 to 300 miles per hour (p. 88), crashed into the Empire State Building at the 78th and 79th floors. Examination shows that the structural damage was minor and that the several spandrel beams distorted by the impact can be replaced with comparative ease. . . . The new Attlee government, committed to a broad program of nationalization, probably will start with coal mining (p. 83), which is in a dismal state of decadence. Next will come railroads, whose operators desire nationalization, air transport and public utilities. There will be stiff opposition to nationalizing British iron and steel. . . . According to the 1945-46 edition of Penton's Foundry List, just published, the number of foundries in the United States and Canada has increased from 5295 in 1943 to 5569 in 1945 (p. 90), a gain of 274 or about 5 per cent in two years. The increase in capacity during this period has been greater than indicated by the gain in number of foundries, owing to the fact many of the new ferrous foundries are large and numerous old ones have been enlarged and modernized. . . . The first of four ore carriers being built by Bethlehem Steel for its own use has started for Chile via the Panama Canal (p. 89) for the first load of Chilean ore to be brought to the states from Chile in several years. . . . Senator Walter F. George, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, believes the federal government will be spending from \$22 to \$25 billion annually for a year or two after the war ends (p. 91) and after that the amount will depend upon conditions and factors now incalculable. The \$22 billion is the lowest figure yet attributed to a responsible spokesman. . . . A Bendix Aviation Corp. executive predicts that there will be 3,500,000 licensed private airplane pilots in the United States by 1960 (p. 108) if progress made since 1929 continues at the same rate during the next 15 years. This seems incredible, yet the estimate probably is conservative and certainly is significant. . . . Curtiss-Wright's new V-Tab, a simple control surface for cargo planes (p. 106) will permit loading without consideration of how weight distribution affects center of gravity.

*E. L. Shaner*  
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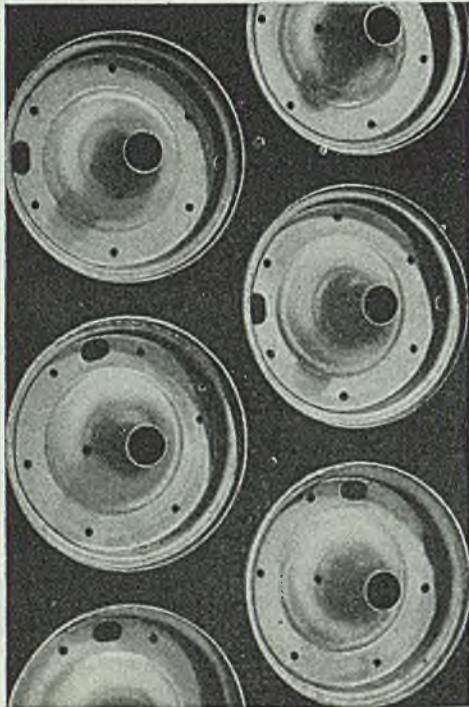
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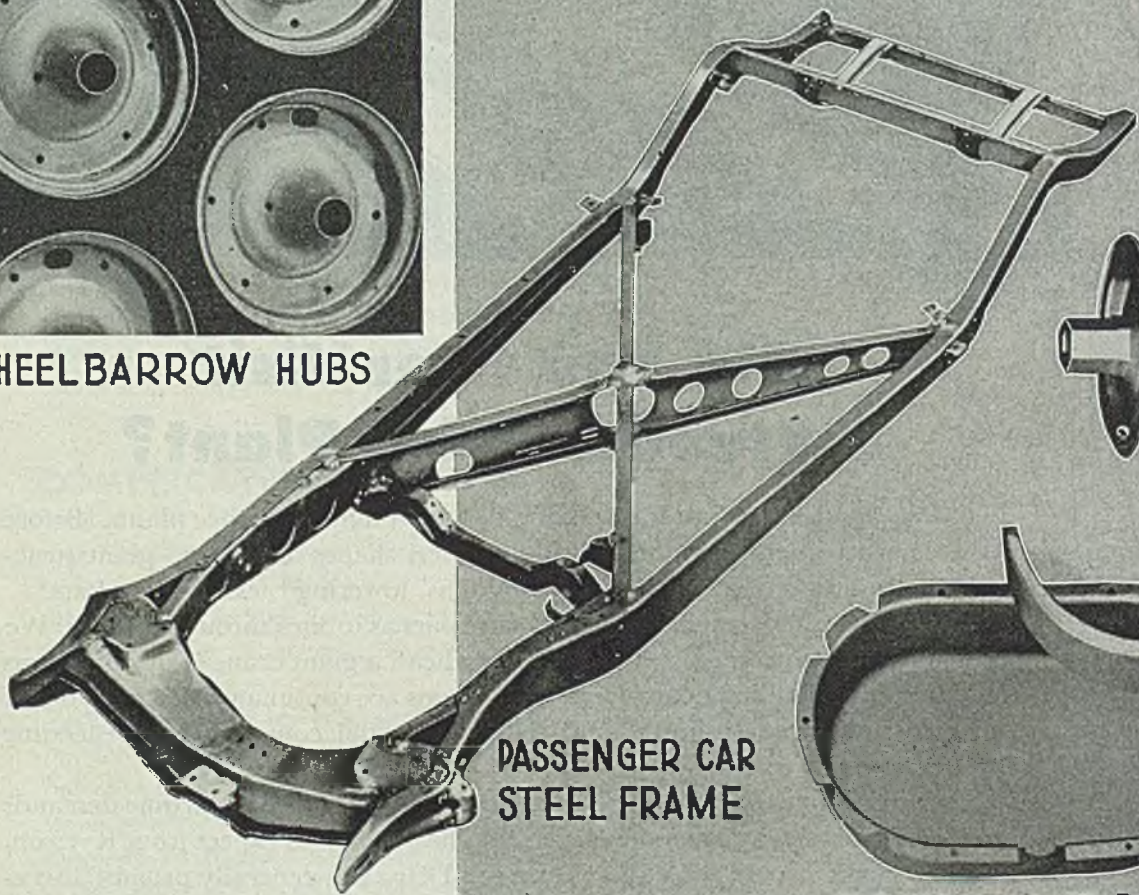
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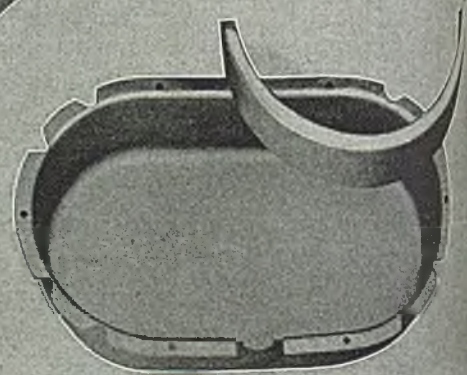
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# British Election Means Swing to Left

*Labor party committed to nationalization of industry. Government controls will be maintained to greater extent and for longer period than planned by Conservatives. New regime faces difficult problems in reconstruction, handicapped by strained economy, loss of overseas investments and shipping. International effects of program, should it mature, difficult to assess*

By VINCENT DELPORT  
*European Editor, STEEL*



*Two leading figures in Britain's Labor government are Prime Minister Clement Attlee, above, and Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin, upper left, NEA photos*

**LONDON (by cable)**  
THE VICTORIOUS Labor party's pro- means reversal of the previous government's policy, which was to support private enterprise, to increase efficiency of major industries and to stimulate

the new government probably will maintain controls to a greater extent and a longer time than would have the conservatives.

Labor is committed to nationalization of the coal mines, transport, electricity, the iron and steel industry and the Bank of England.

Most probably it will begin with the coal mines as a public corporation. Ministers are insistent in their demands for nationalization now. The program probably mean the closing of the more inefficient mines and integration of the more productive mines now operated as individual units.

Nationalization of railroads, and air transport as public utility companies probably will follow. Railroad operators want it. Electricity distribution will follow later, nationalization of iron and steel will be a tougher and more intricate proposition.

Referring especially to iron and steel, it is doubtful that Labor yet has a detailed plan. The industry is strongly

organized to resist and meantime will carry out its own five-year plan. (See STEEL, July 30, p. 54).

Nationalization of the foundry and metalworking industries is most unlikely owing to the wide variety of products and the large number of small and medium-size concerns, although some action may be taken to eliminate small, inefficient firms unable to offer good wages and working conditions.

Such major transformations must take time and must have the approval of Parliament where strong opposition is expected—and not only from the Conservative side.

The new government also faces other weighty problems—rehousing, demobilization, national insurance legislation, and the responsibilities of office.

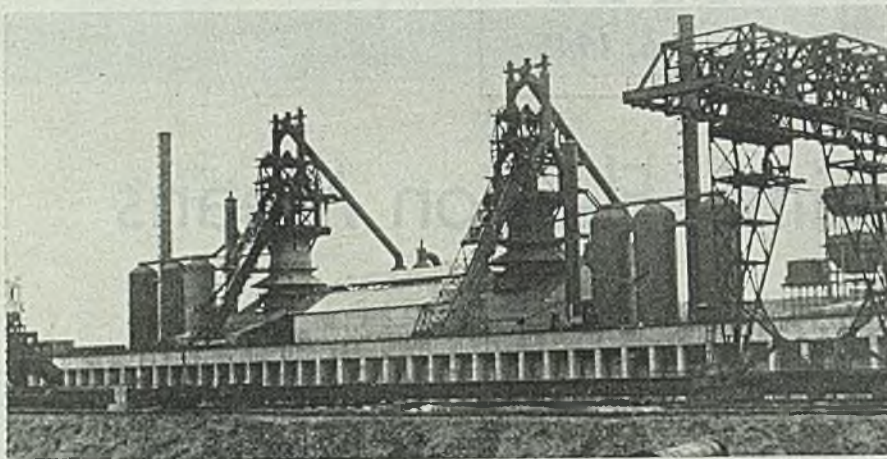
Should Labor's plans mature, it is impossible to assess the effect on the national economy, although the precedents are discouraging. It never has been tried on such a scale except in Russia where conditions are entirely different.

Regarding the effect on world steel trade, it appears likely all transactions would be through government agencies and that the tendency would be toward higher rather than lower prices.

Although the stock market reacted to

the election news, there is no indication of panic. Generally it is believed cheap money will continue, but wages are almost certain to go higher and hours will be reduced with the usual effect on production costs.

The two-to-one Labor vote gives to Clement Attlee, the new Prime Minister, a clear-cut majority and presages a fairly long life for the Labor government if it



Two of England's most modern blast furnaces are these stacks of the Appleby-Frodingham Steel Co. Ltd., at Scunthorpe, completed shortly before the war

## British Reconversion Limited, Awaits V-J

By J. A. HORTON  
British Correspondent, STEEL

is successful in meeting Britain's difficult domestic and foreign problems.

Mr. Attlee is a socialist by conversion, being the son of a staunch Conservative. He was sent to Parliament in 1922, held various posts in the government and succeeded to the leadership of the Labor party in 1935. In the Churchill coalition cabinet he served as Deputy Prime Minister.

Among the key members of his cabinet will be:

Foreign Minister: Ernest Bevin, 64, a labor leader for many years, and Minister of Labor and National Services in the coalition cabinet.

Chancellor of the Exchequer: Hugh Dalton, 58, one of the Labor party's intellectuals, president of the Board of Trade in the coalition cabinet.

President of the Board of Trade: Sir Stafford Cripps, 56, a member of Parliament since 1931, brilliant radical lawyer, Churchill's ambassador to Russia and special envoy to India with England's proposals for self government, Lord Privy Seal and leader of commons in Churchill's war cabinet.

Lord Privy Seal: Arthur Greenwald, 65, a cabinet officer in many ministries since World War 1.

Lord President of the Council: Herbert Stanley Morrison, 57, one of the strong leaders of the Labor party who rose from errand boy and telephone operator to become a member of Parliament. He was Minister of Home Security and Home Secretary in Churchill's wartime cabinet.

Lord Chancellor: Sir William Jowitt, lawyer who once was expelled by the Labor party for supporting Ramsay MacDonald's National government. He was Paymaster General under Churchill, with

special duties to plan postwar construction.

Little change in Britain's foreign policy as regards winning the war over Japan and setting up machinery to effectuate the peace appears likely. Adherence to the agreements already formulated is expected. Mr. Attlee was a delegate to the San Francisco conference and had been attending the Potsdam meetings before the election.

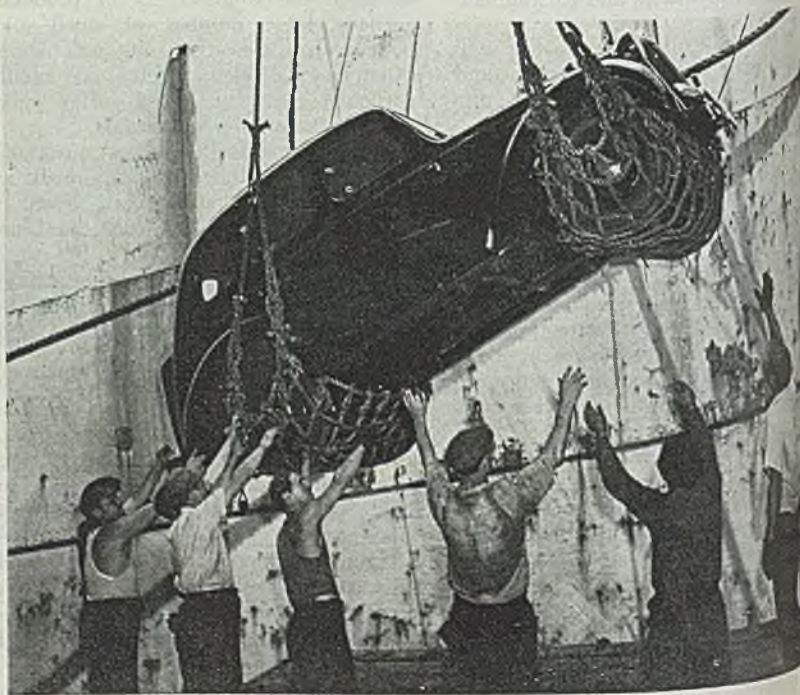
On the domestic front, Labor victory presages more radical changes. In addition to the program for nationalization of basic industries, the Laborites will press for far-reaching social reforms in housing, education, social security, employment and agriculture.

Many difficulties will face the new government in attaining the goals it has established, chief among which are an economy sorely strained by more than five years of war, by diminished foreign trade, loss of many overseas investments, loss of a large portion of its shipping and other international services.

RECONVERSION of British industry will be limited until war in the Pacific is ended, although a partial resumption of civilian goods already is underway as availability of materials and manpower permits.

An extensive range of iron and steel products has been freed from the embargo which forbids export except by special authorization of the Board of Trade. This is regarded as a step in the right direction and in keeping with the government's expressed intention of removing export licensing restrictions progressively, having regard to the situation with respect to supplies. The changed military situation is responsible for the fact that some of the articles now dealt with are in easier supply, but a warning is given that during the transitional period of manpower and manufacturing capacity may constitute difficulties in certain directions. Manufacturers are minded that the overriding claims of war against Japan and the need to essential supplies to the Empire and other countries (including liberated territories) for which Britain has responsibility for certain supplies will

Dock hands direct the unloading of the first Austin, British-built passenger car, to arrive in New York. England is attempting to build up export trade to restore her credit resources drained by the economic stress of war, NEA photo





before, that many of the goods now removed from export licensing control will not be freely available for export for some time to come. Among these goods must be included steel sheets, for which makers are so heavily booked that they will not be able to accept substantial orders for export for some time.

The relaxation, however, applies to angles, bars and rods, blooms, beams, sheet and strip, ingots and tubes and other products.

Whatever restrictions are relaxed, however, in regard to export licensing will not alter the position in regard to power which at present is the vital factor, not only in the steel industry throughout the whole of industrial production. The scarcity of skilled labor hampers progress everywhere and may continue to be a retarding influence in the transitional period for many months. In the early part of the year there was a slump in the demand for steel products, but specifications are now coming from shipyards, locomotive and aircraft builders.

#### Plight of Industry Unrevealed

The enormous housing program which has been put in hand first by local authorities and secondly by private enterprise will do well for the producers of light

The full story of the plight of the steel industry in Europe cannot yet be revealed. In Belgium, it would appear from reports which trickle through, is suffering from a fuel shortage. Producers hope to secure at an early date iron ore from France and Luxemburg, and a first shipment of 10,000 tons of Ruhr coke has recently been made available for the steel industry. It is believed that for some time a large proportion of the country's steel output will be reserved for its own needs. At present works are producing between 40,000 and 50,000 metric tons of steel monthly. It is therefore very unlikely that Britain will be able to import from Belgium the considerable tonnages of semifinished products as was the prewar custom.

Cyr. Van Overburgh, Belgian Minister of State, writing recently in *Le Soir* (Brussels) said: "It is time to discuss the reparations that Germany must make to us. It is a question of reparations in kind such as raw materials including coal, wood, ores, certain ferrous and dye-stuffs, metals, electrical machinery, locomotives, other material, ships, airplanes, loan cattle, etc. On the principle of reparations our great Allies are in agreement. Germany must make reparations in foreign currency as in 1919 but not in kind. The amount of our direct reparations has not yet been drawn up; our goods alone it exceeds 200 million francs. If Germany supplied annually for 15 years this would still represent one-quarter of the re-



Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade in England's Labor government, won the good will of industry during his wartime tenure in the Ministry of Aircraft Production, NEA photo

parations due. If it is natural that the Saar Basin should be reserved for France, it is only equitable that the exploitation of the Ruhr should be allotted in order of priority to Belgium, Holland and Luxemburg.

In France, the arrival of Ruhr coke has enabled more iron and steelworks to resume operations. The government has plans to reorganize and replan the iron and steel industry. Machine tools and industrial equipment are to be imported from the United States during the next two years, and France will probably need to import steel and other materials for some time to come. The output of raw steel in February was 58,000 metric tons against 55,000 tons in January and 46,000 tons in December, 1944. Pig iron production was only 9,600 tons in February.

Criticism was made recently by Ernest Bevin, now Foreign Minister, of high prices in the iron and steel industry. He accused manufacturers of charging what he described as enormous prices so that obsolete plants inside the "ring" can be kept in operation. A reply has been issued by the British Iron & Steel Federation which says that steel prices are fixed by the government and the war has delayed the modernization of plant. The price arrangements to which Mr. Bevin referred were set up at the government's request in the early stages of the war to equalize and restrict profits in the industry to insure that steel needed for the war effort would be forthcoming. The arrangements not only cover the problem of utilization of the more obsolete plant to insure greater production during the war, but also meet the position when efficient firms are called upon to use unsuitable raw ma-

terial and produce unusual products for which their plant was not intended.

As for Mr. Bevin's contention that steel prices in the United States are less than those prevailing in Britain, this is merely because in addition to the foregoing the steel industry, in common with the rest of British industry, has been carrying a war burden of insurance, interruption of supplies due to enemy action and other exceptional wartime charges unknown in U. S. The greatest single factor in price is the wartime increase in coal costs. Coke used in blast furnaces has risen by 137 per cent. Quite apart from the Ebbw Vale scheme other schemes of modernization in the industry had been completed. Others were in the process of being carried out when the war interrupted them.

Weakest spot in production was probably ironmaking. By 1930 Britain had fallen behind in blast furnace practice, but this position has now been remedied, and the majority of blast furnaces are as good as any in the world. The magnitude of the change is illustrated by the fact that 98 blast furnaces in Britain today produce approximately the same tonnage as 158 in 1929.

The federation statement concludes—"Critics of the industry's technical efficiency are apt to overlook the fact that the industry in Britain is designed to fulfill the requirements of our vast jobbing trade with the rest of the world. The long runs in the extensively integrated U. S. iron and steel plants are suitable for U. S. requirements, but it does not follow that the kind of production undertaken in U. S. is the right thing for Britain. On the contrary, our requirements are of a totally different character."

# Adjusts Cold-Finished Bar Schedule

*OPA effects \$2 per ton increase in base prices but lowers certain extras as offset. Move designed to aid smaller producers*

IN A SOMEWHAT complicated action last week, the Office of Price Administration announced an adjustment in the cold-finished carbon steel bar price schedule, effective Aug. 6.

The action, amendment 14 to price schedule No. 6, included the raising of base prices by \$2 per ton to restore the historical spread between cold-finished and hot-rolled carbon bars erased last May when hot-rolled bars were upped \$2 per ton without a corresponding increase on cold-finished. As an offset to the increase in base prices on cold-finished, however, OPA ordered a reduction of \$6 per ton in the extra for strain and stress relieving, and a cut of \$2 per ton in the extra for physical inspection and testing. The first named extra now will be \$9 per net ton, while the physical testing extra will be \$3 per net ton.

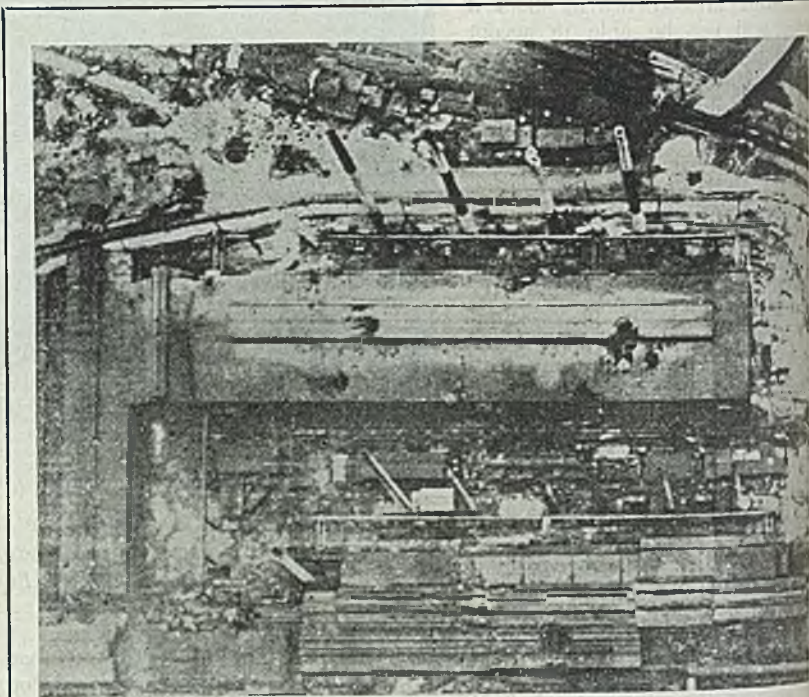
The increase in cold-finished carbon steel bar base price with simultaneous reduction in the two extra charges is particularly significant since it is the first compensatory price adjustment of this kind applying on iron and steel products since the beginning of government price control.

Net drop in the industry's profit margin will result from the action though the cut in extras will affect largely the return on shell bars, production of which will not be an important factor in peacetime operations. Further, because of the fact some producers have not been equipped to charge these extras, the reduction will not apply to the entire industry.

## Adjustment Relieves Hardship

The adjustment was made, OPA said, because profit margins in the industry, especially small producers, were inadequate to permit absorption of the May increase of \$2 per ton in hot-rolled carbon bars plus other cost increases during recent years.

When the industry advisory committee petitioned OPA for a price adjustment last May it estimated 1,000,000 tons of cold-finished bars would be affected over the last seven months of this year by an increase of \$2 per ton in the base price. It also estimated that 300,000 tons would be affected by a reduction of \$6 per ton in the stress and strain extra, and 180,000 tons by a cut of \$2 per ton in the inspection and testing extra. It is estimated, therefore, that as a result of the



**BLASTED JAP STEELWORKS:** Big holes in the roof area of the open hearth building, at top, and the foundry building, at bottom, indicate damage caused to the Japanese steelworks at Kamaishi by big guns of the Third Fleet during bombardment of the Japanese home islands with fuzed shells, timed so they would explode after penetrating to the heart of the structure. U. S. Navy photo

current adjustment the price advance will increase return to the industry by \$2 million while the cut in extras will decrease the return by \$2,160,000.

OPA revealed that 24 companies produce practically 100 per cent of cold-finished bar output. Of these, five integrated steelmakers account for 40 per cent, five large nonintegrated producers for about 47 per cent, and 14 smaller nonintegrated companies for 13 per cent.

Rate of return on net worth for a normal peacetime period (1936-1939) for cold-finished bar producers is 13 per cent, substantially higher than the base period rate of 4.2 per cent for the steel industry as a whole, according to OPA. Higher profits are attributed to certain heat-treating, annealing and testing extras which were in effect in April, 1941, when prices were frozen, but which applied on a much smaller volume of work at that time. In 1942 these extras were voluntarily reduced \$7 per ton by the producers. At the same time, states OPA, all producers do not enjoy the higher profits accruing through these extras, the smaller interests not having heat-treating facilities to process ordnance components. As a result these latter companies, in the main, are operating

at or below their base period rate of turn.

In order to make subsequent adjustments to maintain a close balance OPA now requires the filing of quarterly returns, setting forth tonnage figures so that OPA may regularly check dollar increases granted against the dollar decreases allowed and make such adjustments as may be necessary to assure true offsets. Quarterly financial reports also are required to be filed with OPA.

In conjunction with amendment 33 to price schedule 49, permitting warehouse steel distributors to increase their maximum prices for cold-finished carbon bars \$2 a net ton.

## Price Relief Inadequate, Small Steelmakers Protest

Unfair and arbitrary formulas employed by the Office of Price Administration in establishing maximum prices for carbon steel in 1945 fell so short of reality they offset less than one-sixth of the indicated rise in steel-making costs since 1939, a group of 23 small steel companies charged

week in a formal protest to OPA against the schedule of carbon steel prices announced May 21.

The protest was filed by Robert W. Polcott, president, Lukens Steel Co., Batesville, Pa., acting on behalf of his company and other smaller steel companies which, in the aggregate, accounted for about 4 million tons of steel in 1944.

Over the past six years, the labor cost the protesting companies has increased approximately \$6,700,000 on the basis of 1939 output, while the cost of materials has risen an additional \$50,000. As against that total increase of \$14,950,000 in 1939 costs, the OPA in 1945 granted price relief equivalent to only \$2,700,000 per year on the basis of 1939 volume.

The schedule of ceiling prices for steel announced May 21, 1945, by the OPA unfairly penalized small steel producers who do not own and derive their steel from mines, blast furnaces and transportation facilities, the protest charges. Instead the schedule was presented substantially upon costs prevailing among larger companies. Furthermore, in devising and applying its cost schedule the OPA improperly excluded consideration several important items, it is claimed.

## Strikes Curb Production Seriously in Chicago Area

Unauthorized strikes and work stoppages over petty grievances continue to curb steel production seriously in the Chicago area.

The strike which started July 23 and affects 30 foundries in Chicago, Joliet, Evanston and Aurora, continues.

Five other strikes were brought to an end last week. Most important was at the Dodge Chicago plant, Chrysler Corp., where 20,000 workers went back to work July 30.

Approximately 1300 workers at Inland Harbor, Ind., works of Inland Steel Co. resumed work last week after striking down the tin mill. Strike ended July 24.

A serious situation developed at the Republic Chicago plant of Republic Steel Corp. July 27, when 21 workers walked out, leaving hot metal in two tilting open hearths, subsequently forcing 3700 other workers into idleness. Normal work resumed July 30.

Operations at the Cicero, Ill., plant of National Malleable & Steel Castings Co., were reduced starting July 24 when 50 workers remained away in protest against discharge of six employees. Work resumed July 31.

Production of over 15,000 gears for airplane engines was lost by Foote Bros. & Machine Corp., Chicago, through a strike which 200 employees started July 27 and which later spread to include 1000. This strike terminated Aug. 1.

# Ickes Sees Steel Output Curbed By 37 Million-ton Coal Shortage

PROSPECTIVE shortage of 37 million tons of coal this coming winter may force industry, including steel production, onto a 4-day week, Interior Secretary Ickes told a Senate committee last week. He declared some 30,000 miners now in the Army should be furloughed immediately so as to increase coal production to an adequate rate.

Supporting Secretary Ickes' position, Dr. C. J. Potter, deputy solid fuels administrator, told the committee he "expects all industry, including steel mills, will have to go on a 4-day week this winter unless more coal is produced."

Secretary Ickes recently recommended shipment of 6 million tons of coal to Europe to avert "chaos" there this winter.

Commenting on statements to the Senate Committee, Irving S. Olds, chairman, United States Steel Corp., last week

said he did not anticipate any slowing down in his company's steel operations to a 4-day per week basis.

Recently Dr. Potter reported the average steel mill has only 16-day coal supply against a normal 30-day reserve. At that time he said one mill had only a 6-day supply.

Bituminous coal production in the week ended July 21, the latest data available, decreased approximately 380,000 tons from the preceding week, output totaling 11,620,000 tons. For the calendar year to July 21, production has amounted to 328,771,000 tons, or 23,813,000 tons less than in the like period of 1944. Current mine labor disturbances are causing considerable loss from week to week. Last week 35 bituminous mines employing 5799 men were affected by wildcat strikes.

## Present, Past and Pending

### ■ ALLEGHENY LUDLUM OPENS BOOKS FOR CIVILIAN ORDERS

NEW YORK—Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp. has opened its books for steel for civilian requirements and a substantial volume of business already has been placed, President Hiland G. Batchellor announced.

### ■ GUARANTEED WAGE INCLUDED IN UNION CONTRACT

NORRISTOWN, PA.—Wildman Mfg. Co., knitting machinery manufacturer, has agreed to guarantee 1200 hours of work annually, or pay at straight-time rates in lieu thereof, to all employees with five years of service with the company in a new union contract.

### ■ MANPOWER SHORTAGE STILL SERIOUS IN SOUTH

BIRMINGHAM—Workers are still needed in the steel, coal, lumber, textile and transport industries in the South, although a number of workers are reported idle as result of layoffs in other industries.

### ■ FLOW OF INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT TO CIVILIAN USERS SLOW

WASHINGTON—Heavy backlogs of unfilled orders and continuing military requirements are slowing the flow of general industrial equipment to civilian users, according to the War Production Board.

### ■ ANTICOLLISION SYSTEM MAY HELP PREVENT PLANE CRASHES

NEW YORK—Development of an anticollision system to prevent airplanes from crashing into tall buildings or other airplanes is disclosed by Panoramic Radio Corp., this city, and the Kollsman Aviation Instrument Division, Square D Co., Elmhurst, N. Y. Device employs radio signals to warn pilots of obstructions ahead.

### ■ ACUTE LABOR SHORTAGE AREAS CONTINUE TO DECLINE

WASHINGTON—Areas of acute labor shortages now total 46, a drop of 27 from the V-E Day total of 73, according to War Manpower Commission.

### ■ ADDITIONAL SHEET STEEL FOR DRUMS DENIED

WASHINGTON—Request for 42,000 tons of additional sheet steel for production of steel drums during third quarter has been denied by War Production Board.

### ■ CHEVROLET TO CONCENTRATE AIRCRAFT ENGINE OUTPUT

BUFFALO—Chevrolet Motor Division, General Motors, will concentrate its aircraft engine production in this area to free other plants for civilian goods production.

### ■ NEW ENGLAND SHIPYARD EMPLOYMENT LOWER

BOSTON—Eight major New England shipyards report 103,077 workers have been laid off from peak employment. Only 99,100 are now employed by the yards.

## U. S. Steel Chairman Says Industry Entitled to "Real" Price Relief

*Speaking at corporation's quarterly meeting, he points out carbon steel prices have been upped an average of \$1.50 per ton against cost increase of \$8. Sees enough steel for automobile program. Income off in first six months of 1945*

ASSERTING the steel industry is entitled to "real relief" on carbon steel prices, Irving S. Olds, chairman, United States Steel Corp., speaking at a press conference following the corporation's quarterly meeting last week, said increases in prices of \$1.50 a ton have been averaged on the corporation's carbon steel products during the war emergency against increases in costs of \$8 a ton.

The Steel corporation chairman revealed that while his company has received many cutbacks in orders, they, in themselves, have not affected overall operations. The corporation's main difficulty has been in obtaining adequate manpower, he declared. Labor disturbances also are an adverse factor. He estimated the corporation has lost 1,338,000 tons of steel this year through labor disturbances.

The Steel corporation has made no proposal for acquisition of the Geneva, Utah, steel properties, which it is now operating for the government, he said, declaring "The whole matter is still under consideration, but we have not yet arrived at any decision."

Responding to a question, Mr. Olds said he thought there should be sufficient steel to meet the 1945 civilian automobile program. He admitted there was a shortage in sheets and strip, but pointed out that the auto program for this year was not large.

Corporation backlogs are only slightly less than three months ago, although under present conditions, Mr. Olds added, he could not be sure how firm these backlogs are.

Reporting earnings of the corporation for second quarter of 1945, Mr. Olds

announced income for second quarter after all costs—including allowance for estimated federal taxes on income—before declaration of dividends, amounted to \$16,774,202. Income for the first six months of 1945 was \$32,153,373, \$229,160 less than the reported income for the first six months of 1944.

Shipments of finished steel products second quarter amounted to 5,123,714 tons. For the first six months of 1945 shipments were 10,124,959 net tons, compared with 10,632,854 net tons shipped the same period of 1944. Production of steel ingots and castings averaged 88 per cent of rated capacity.

Total capital expenditures during second quarter, for additions to and betterments of fixed assets, were approximately \$8,000,000. On June 30, 1945, expended balances for property additions and replacements amounted to approximately \$133,000,000.

### Net Profit of Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. Rises

Net profit of Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., Youngstown, O., for the second quarter of 1945 was \$392,243 higher than that for the corresponding period of 1944. The quarter's net profit this year was \$2,190,260, compared with \$1,798,017 for the second quarter of 1944.

## Structural Damage to Empire State Building Slight in Bomber Crash

THE 102-story Empire State building, New York city, world's tallest building, withstood with minor damage the recent accident which occurred when an Army twin-engined B-25 bomber, traveling between 250 and 300 miles per hour, crashed into the 78th and 79th stories of the structure.

"While the forces delivered against the Empire State building by the heavy Army bomber, represent a tremendous potential for destruction, the structural damage actually sustained was very minor in nature, as indicated by newspaper reports," T. R. Higgins, director of engineering, American Institute of Steel Construction, said commenting upon the accident.

"The ability of structural steel to absorb dynamic forces, measured as foot-pounds of work, is many times the assignment given it in normal structural design. Thus the forces suddenly applied by the crashing plane were largely absorbed locally, with the distortion of no more than a couple of spandrel beams. And, having been absorbed into the steel frame, these forces were transmitted to the foundations more or less elastically."

The Empire State building required 58,300 tons of steel. The building was designed to withstand a wind pressure of 30 pounds per square foot, plus a pull of a dirigible. American Bridge Co.



fabricated the steel and Post & McCord took charge of the erection. Starrett Bros. & Eken were the general contractors; Shreve, Lamb & Harmon, the architects; and H. G. Balcom Associates, the structural engineers. Starrett Bros. & Eken will assume charge of repairs. Only

a relatively few new structural sections will be needed, and the ease with which damaged members may be removed will not be without significance.

Accompanying photo shows hole in wall of the building by the plane and firemen inspecting debris.

# Grace Tells Why Bethlehem Is Not Interested in Geneva Steel Works

*President of second largest steelmaking interest says Bethlehem can lay eastern-produced steel down on West Coast cheaper than it can produce it there. Notes some falling off in order backlogs but reports second quarter income gain*

FOR THE first time for publication, Eugene G. Grace, president, Bethlehem Steel Corp., last week told why his organization is not interested in acquiring the steel plant at Geneva, Utah, owned by the government and operated by the United States Steel Corp. It is, he said, because Bethlehem can produce steel more cheaply in the East and lay it down more cheaply on the Pacific Coast than it can produce it out there.

Speaking at a press conference following the corporation's quarterly meeting, Mr. Grace explained Bethlehem has three steel plants on the Pacific Coast, with an aggregate ingot capacity of 1,000,000 tons annually — at Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles; also manufacturing plants at San Francisco and Los Angeles.

However, Bethlehem over the years has been expanding its Sparrows Point, Pa. plant with the requirements of the West Coast in mind and it produces all the important products required, except one, namely shapes, which are produced at Bethlehem, Pa.

With these facilities (including shape mills at Bethlehem), Mr. Grace said, Bethlehem can deliver products to the Pacific Coast, to the four major ports of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and Portland, cheaper than they can be made on the West Coast, and that applies to the Geneva and Fontana, Calif., works.

With order backlogs shrinking about \$200 million in second quarter, from \$1,194 million to \$995 million, there has been a reduction for the first time in the steel and heavy ordnance business, Mr. Grace asserted. About half the production was in ships (although there were no cancellations).

The corporation spent about \$3 million on improvement during the last quarter, and now has an authorized expansion program of \$80 million, compared with \$74 million at the close of the first quarter. The program contemplates no expansion in steel production, but rather steel processing and mining facilities.

Mr. Grace revealed that the first of four ore carriers being built by Bethlehem for its own use, had just started its first voyage, heading for Chile by way of the Panama canal. There it will pick up iron ore from Bethlehem's accumulation. This load of ore will be

the first in three or four years.

Net income in the second quarter was reported at \$8,041,682 which compares with \$7,695,909 in the first quarter and with \$6,733,843 in the corresponding quarter of last year. Net income for the first six months of the year was \$15,737,591 which compares with \$13,166,381 in the like six months of 1944.

## Steel Earnings

Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. reports for second quarter of 1945 net income of \$2,357,524 compared with \$1,879,835 in the like 1944 period. In the first six months of this year net income was \$4,371,013 compared with \$3,588,187 in the first half of last year.

Pittsburgh Steel Co. reports for the quarter ended June 30, net profit of \$429,741, which compares with net profit of \$192,718 in the preceding quarter and with a net loss of \$187,840 in the corresponding quarter of 1944. Net

profit for the first six months of 1945 was \$622,459, comparing with a net loss of \$72,901 in corresponding period of 1944.

Inland Steel Co. reports second quarter net earnings of \$2,943,490, which compares with \$2,472,734 in like period of 1944. First half net income was reported at \$5,416,224 compared with \$5,171,418 in the like period of 1944.

American Rolling Mill Co. reports for second quarter of 1945 net income of \$2,071,925, which compares with \$1,212,456 in the corresponding period of last year. First six months 1945 income is reported at \$3,947,428 compared with \$2,441,491 in the first half of 1944.

National Steel Corp. reports net earnings for the quarter ending June 30, of \$3,453,183. This compares with net earnings of \$2,863,315 in the second quarter of 1944. Net income for the six months ending June 30, 1945 was \$6,883,171, compared with \$5,413,458 for the first half of 1944.

Sharon Steel Corp. reports for second quarter net profit of \$364,793 which compares with \$301,760 in first quarter.

Continental Steel Corp. and subsidiaries reports for the quarter ended June 30 net profit of \$208,672, which compares with \$167,573 in the like period of 1944. Net for the first six months this year was \$360,564 which compares with \$323,379 in the first half of 1944.

## Alloy Steel Production Lower in June

PRODUCTION of alloy and hot-topped carbon steel ingots in June totaled 1,960,969 net tons, compared with

2,233,422 tons in May, according to the American Iron & Steel Institute, New York.

	Total Steel		Alloy Steel		Carbon Ingots Hot Top JUNE
	JUNE	PER CENT CAPACITY	JUNE	YEAR TO DATE	
<b>OPEN-HEARTH FURNACES</b>					
Ingots	6,110,663	...	516,341	3,521,256	1,158,338
Steel for castings	18,603	...	3,899	24,831	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,129,266</b>	<b>88.5</b>	<b>520,240</b>	<b>3,546,087</b>	<b>1,158,338</b>
<b>BESSEMER INGOTS</b>	<b>379,807</b>	<b>78.6</b>			
<b>ELECTRIC &amp; CRUCIBLE FURNACES</b>					
Ingots	326,838	...	268,889	1,796,449	9,725
Steel for castings	6,379	...	3,777	28,159	
<b>Total</b>	<b>333,217</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>272,666</b>	<b>1,824,608</b>	<b>9,725</b>
<b>Total Steel</b>	<b>6,842,290</b>	<b>87.1</b>	<b>792,906</b>	<b>5,370,695</b>	<b>1,168,063</b>

## June Pig Iron Output Shows Loss from May

JUNE pig iron production totaled 4,605,012 net tons, compared with 5,016,060 tons in May, according to the American Iron & Steel Institute, New York.

	Pig iron	Total			
		Ferro, Spiegel	Year to Date	Per Cent Capacity	
Eastern	797,059	33,225	830,284	5,228,089	77.7
Pittsburgh-Youngstown	1,899,765	17,098	1,916,863	11,793,231	89.9
Cleveland-Detroit	463,997		463,997	2,973,562	85.6
Chicago	1,000,894	2,222	1,003,116	6,286,599	86.6
Southern	241,341	8,077	249,418	1,912,703	61.6
Western	141,334		141,334	948,039	60.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,544,390</b>	<b>60,622</b>	<b>4,605,012</b>	<b>29,142,283</b>	<b>83.1</b>



# Sharp Cut Seen in U. S. Postwar Budget, Taxes

Senator George says budget should be tailored to federal revenues. Sees possible tax reduction of \$18 billion

**SHARP** reduction in taxes on business in a federal budget of between \$22 and \$25 billion—about one quarter of the wartime budget—are envisaged by Sen. Walter F. George (Dem., Ga.), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Senator George pictured the possibility of a reduction in taxes amounting to \$18 billion a year after the defeat of Japan. A postwar tax program should be formulated now and either adopted or held in readiness for enactment, Senator George told a news conference. It is very essential that all taxpayers know what their burdens are going to be, he said.

The senator's advocacy of prompt action is in line with the thinking of other administration spokesmen. Although opposed to any general reduction in taxes until after V-J Day, the national administration favors early revision of the tax structure for use when victory comes. Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson recently told Congress: "There is an important benefit to early adoption of a postwar tax program. The sooner the uncertainties in the postwar tax structure are removed the sooner business men can be put to work."

## Taxpayers' Ability To Pay

Senator George recommended that the postwar budget should be based on the taxpayers' ability to pay rather than on the desire of the government to lead.

"It is putting the cart before the horse to fix a budget first and then draw up a tax program. We first must find out what the taxpayer can stand and the budget accordingly."

Senator George believes the \$22 to \$25 billion annual spending rate will continue for a year or two after the war. He says that the amount will depend on changing conditions and various factors which now are incalculable.

He sets as an "irreducible minimum" government spending of \$14 to \$16 billion a year to meet such commitments as interest on the public debt, payments to veterans, administrative costs and maintenance of the necessary armed forces. Some spending on top of this amount will be necessary, he said, adding that legislative and executive



Sen. Walter F. George, chairman, Senate Finance Committee, tells newsmen postwar federal spending and taxes must be reduced drastically. NEA photo

branches could run the outlay much higher.

A revised federal budget for the 1946 fiscal year calls for total expenditures of \$85 billion, compared with about \$100 billion in the 1945 fiscal year. This is

based on the assumption the Japanese war will continue into next year. Receipts for the 1946 fiscal year are expected to drop from \$46.5 billion to \$39 billion, as a result of lowered spending for military purposes.

## TRANSITION TOPICS

**BRITISH ELECTION**—Labor's victory interpreted as swing to left. New government committed to nationalization of basic industries, including iron and steel. See page 83.

**PRICES**—OPA makes compensatory adjustment in cold-finished carbon steel bar prices, granting increase in base prices while ordering decreases in extra allowances. See page 86.

**TAXES**—Senate Finance Committee chairman says postwar budget should be tailored to ability to pay. Sees sharp reductions in spending and taxes. See page 91.

**RECONVERSION**—Failure of government to provide adequately for resumption of civilian manufacturing criticized by Senate War Investigating Committee. See page 96.

**AUTOMOBILES**—United States Steel chairman believes auto manufacturers will obtain enough steel to fill 1945 quotas. Kaiser-Frazer combine arouses much interest. Los Angeles considered likely site for West Coast plant. See pages 88, 99.

**ARC WELDING ELECTRODES**—Revision of AWS and ASTM specifications for arc welding electrodes simplifies selection of these welding "tools" and points toward increased use after the war. See page 112.

**INFRA-RED LAMP EQUIPMENT**—Important advantages offered by infra-red installations for heating, drying and baking indicate many postwar applications. See page 118.

**COLLECTING OIL MISTS**—Mists resulting from break-up of cutting oil now may be precipitated electrostatically, eliminating unpleasant working conditions and reducing hazards. See page 120.



# Tool Disposal Regulations Under Study by Surplus Property Board

*Seeks answers to critics of sales policies. Complaints include failure to offer many modern machines though considerable equipment in this classification is idle. Only 20 per cent of tools available are readily salable types*

OFFICIALS of the Surplus Property Board of late have been devoting considerable thought to current criticism of the board's regulations governing the sale of government-owned machine tools and other property. While these regulations have been drawn to insure property disposal in accordance with the provisions of the Surplus Property Act, the board does have considerable latitude and it is the desire of Administrator Alfred E. House and associates to lay down policies, as far as possible, that will meet with approval.

One of the principal complaints is that offerings by the Reconstruction Finance Corp. have included comparatively few general-purpose machine tools and other equipment, and comparatively few tools built in the last five years. Many tools, it has been pointed out, now are idle as a result of terminations, and the question has been raised by potential buyers, and in business paper editorials, whether many of these tools might not now be relinquished by the Army and Navy, the principal government owning agencies, for use by industry in reconverting to civilian production.

The SPB goes along with this thinking to the extent that idle government-owned equipment should be used to expand production of civilian goods, and provide peacetime employment with the least delay possible. But it has no practicable legal power to influence the Army and Navy in declaring equipment to be surplus; furthermore SPB officials cannot advise the Army and Navy as to whether or not there will be future war work for equipment which now is idle. Hence the SPB is unable to take any action that would increase current offerings of industrial equipment.

SPB officials can, and do, insure the widest publicity for such equipment as is currently available for sale. As a result, the RFC is about to step up its advertising campaign and other sales promotional activities. It will circularize potential buyers more intensively to acquaint them with the equipment available for sale. RFC also is continuing work on the preparation of a central inventory to list tools which currently are in the custody of its regional offices. It is hoped that with such a central inventory, which

should be ready for use within a few weeks, the problem of advertising surplus equipment, and circularizing potential buyers, can be handled more effectively.

A check recently made by the RFC reveals ample justification for the complaint that it has few standard general-purpose tools of modern design on sale. This check revealed that only about 10 per cent of the surplus tools it now has available for sale are of readily salable types. Of about 20,000 tools in the hands of the RFC as of June 30, only about 4000 were standard general-purpose tools of fairly modern design, while the remaining 16,000 comprised standard purpose or over-age tools for which it is difficult to find buyers. The check revealed further that standard general-purpose tools are snapped up as fast as they are offered.

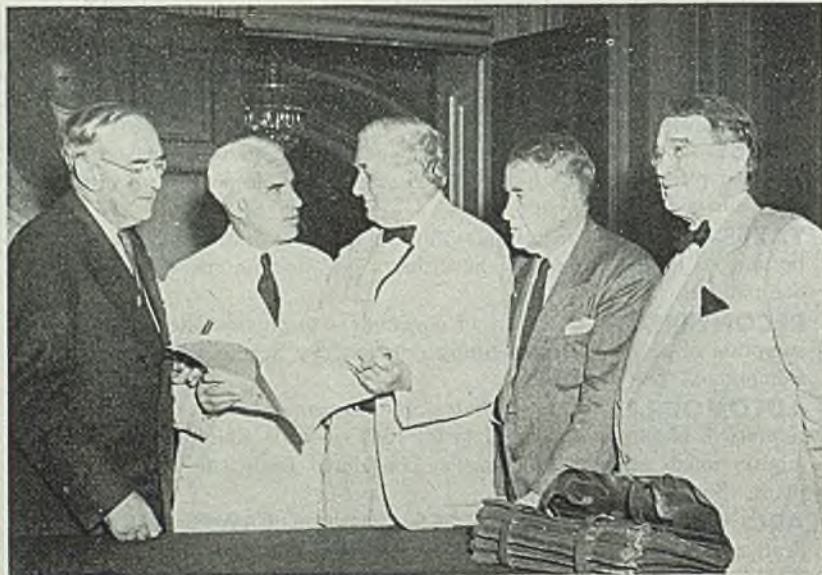
Another widely circulated criticism which has had the attention of SPB officials is that terminated contractors enjoy undue advantages in acquiring desirable tools and other equipment under regulation 9. This is the regulation which restricts owning agencies like the Army and Navy with respect to disposition of equipment and materials involved in termination and pretermination settlements. Under regulation 9, the Clark formula of cost less depreciation does not apply; rather, prices are arrived at by negotiation. The regulation requires the owning agency determine the value by testing the market. This may be done by advertising for competitive bids, by appraisal, or otherwise.

SPB officials admit that the terminated contractor does have some advantages under regulation 9. He frequently can get a concession in price. For instance, the owning agency may find that it might cost \$200 to package, move and store a \$500 machine in order to make it available to other buyers; in such cases the owning agency might be willing to let the contractor have the tool at \$800.

### Concession Are Justified

Concessions of this kind, SPB officials feel, are in the interest of taxpayers and are in accord with the wishes of Congress in writing the Surplus Property Act. When a tool is moved out of a plant, it is bound to be a delay of several months before that tool could be put to a new use. On the other hand, the chances are that if it is left in the contractor's possession it will be used promptly and thus provide employment. It is worth something to the taxpayer, the SPB reasons, to lower the price of a \$1000 tool to \$800 when such action promotes new production and employment.

However, regulation 9 contains a number of provisions to guard against what falls to the contractor during termination settlements. Generally, sales prices must be at market levels or must be fair and reasonable and must not be less than 50 per cent of cost. The regulation assumes that the contractor will retain property for sale but the owning agency may authorize



**CHARTER RATIFIED:** Shown examining a copy of the world security charter after it had been ratified by the Senate by an 89-2 vote are, left to right: Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (Rep., Mich.); E. R. Stettinius Jr., chairman, American delegation to the world security conference; Sen. Tom Connally (Dem., Tex.); Sen. Alben Barkley (Dem., Ky.); Sen. Kenneth McKellar (Dem., Tex.), president pro tem of the Senate. NEA photo





## What does it take to make a war?

It takes more than a toothbrush mustache, an upraised arm, and a flag.

It takes more than guns and tanks and planes.

It takes ignorance, intolerance and want. . . . The psychological mire that breeds little conquerors, and the political mess that makes nations look the other way.

What does it take to prevent a war?

It takes knowledge, communication, and freedom of thought. It takes economic opportunity, and productive power.

And it takes a strong police force to keep the rough neighbors kids in line and slap the gangsters down.

America lacked what it takes to make a war. But we have what it takes to win one . . . and to prevent one in the future. Today, the engineers of the basic machine tool producers stand ready to help the men of government and of industry in their postwar planning for a strong America — a nation powerful enough to prevent future wars with the strength of a healthy economy here at home, and the best equipped military police force the world has ever seen.



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him to sell surplus goods out of his inventory subject to certain stipulations aimed at insuring a fair deal to his customers, and preventing him from making an undue profit; also, competitive bids are required in cases where the goods are to be resold. The regulation provides that a sale of goods costing more than \$25,000 cannot be made without advertising to develop values.

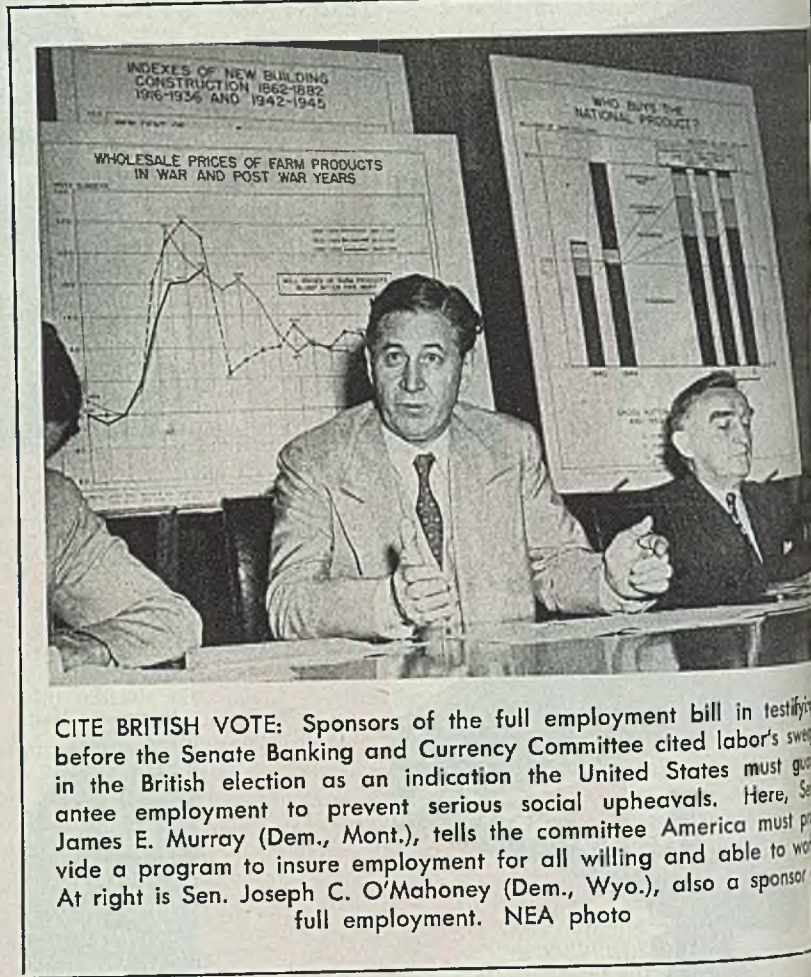
Regulation 9 also is believed to prevent utilization, except as scrap, of any tool bought by the terminated contractor at a scrap price. It defines the categories of scrap and salvage and prescribes that such property must be sold at competitive bids, also, the buyer paying less than 50 per cent of the cost of the property must give a warranty that it will be used as scrap only. A further protection is that nothing costing more than \$300 can be declared scrap without review at a higher level in the owning agency. The net result of these protections, SPB officials believe, is to prevent a contractor from obtaining a usable tool at a scrap price.

The general philosophy of preventing windfalls to terminated contractors in negotiating either pretermination or final settlements also has been applied by the SPB in cases involving "hard-to-move" equipment. Often materials handling, processing and other equipment is so built into the plant that it could be removed only at considerable expense. In such instances a contractor is not allowed to buy the equipment at a fraction of its value just because the government would have to go to a lot of expense in tearing it out. Regulation 9 provides that in such cases the owning agencies are to go to whatever expense is necessary in order to prevent violation of the ban against sales of usable property at less than 50 per cent of the cost.

**RFC Sales Practice Approved**

Up to the present time SPB officials have not seen any necessity for amending the sales practice of the RFC in answer to complaints that the method of pricing under the Clayton formula, or of setting prices by appraisal, fails to give adequate encouragement to dealers who rebuild these tools and sell them with new tool guarantees. A check shows that approximately 50 per cent of the tools sold by the RFC so far have been made to companies that buy them for resale in a rebuilt condition. That is because many of the tools offered by the RFC are overage; most of the tools bought by the rebuilders were built prior to 1936. If any more liberal treatment is to be provided for the rebuilders it probably will be reserved until such time as tools of more recent vintage are offered in larger volume and the need for servicing by the rebuilders becomes more apparent.

As to demands by rebuilders that they be permitted to buy government-owned tools now in Europe and bring them back for rebuilding and sale to domestic industries, SPB officials rule that tools which may become surplus out of the country



**CITE BRITISH VOTE:** Sponsors of the full employment bill in testifying before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee cited labor's sweep in the British election as an indication the United States must guarantee employment to prevent serious social upheavals. Here, Sen. James E. Murray (Dem., Mont.), tells the committee America must provide a program to insure employment for all willing and able to work. At right is Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (Dem., Wyo.), also a sponsor of the full employment. NEA photo

must not be brought back. There will be plenty of tools for everybody, they believe, without such action, and the reimportation of these tools would add to marketing difficulties.

SPB officials have not yet seen the advisability of accepting suggestions that surplus machine tools be turned back to their original manufacturers who would act as sales agents for the RFC. Proposals for such an arrangement have envisioned that the manufacturers would be asked to sell in the ratio of, say, one surplus tool to two newly-produced tools—thus preventing sharp drops in employment at plants making machine tools and related equipment.

Recently the SPB adopted a resolution under which it can take appropriate action should its investigation of complaints brought to its attention reveal that sales of government-owned tools in special instances may be counter to the interests of taxpayers or may favor the larger buyers at the expense of buyers in general. Under this resolution it is prepared to direct that no more government-owned machinery can be sold to an individual company when that company is found to have come into possession of more equipment, either through purchase of tools offered as surplus, or through purchase of tools in terminated inventories, than it should reasonably have.

Dissatisfaction with the inventory con-

rol system of the Reconstruction Finance Corp. in listing surplus machine tools and production equipment again has been expressed by Senator Tom Stewart (Dem., Tenn.) in further hearings before the Senate Small Business Surplus Property Committee of which he is chairman. During the initial hearings in 1946, Senator Stewart requested RFC to prepare a central inventory to show surplus tools held by it in its regional offices throughout the country. When Mr. E. Joyce, assistant director of the Office of Surplus Property, last month submitted his list, Senator Stewart criticized it as merely an information sheet lacking the detail which is needed in order to locate a machine of given type and size to meet his requirements.

Under spirited questioning, Mr. Joyce admitted that the list which he had produced was not one from which a customer could make a direct selection but he insisted it was an effective means of locating the machine desired by a customer. For example the list submitted by Mr. Joyce showed that there are 17 types of drilling machines in the inventory and that it has a total of 2675 machines of these 17 types in its inventory.

"When RFC gets an inquiry for a particular machine of a particular type and size," said Mr. Joyce, "it is a simple matter to send a teletypewritten in-

ch of the regional offices reporting milling machines in stock. By that means, we can within a couple of hours locate any machine we have in stock."

To maintain a central, complete inventory, Mr. Joyce said, it would be necessary for RFC to enlarge its staff of trained clerks and these people are hard to find. When he referred to the extra expense such an effort would entail, Senator Stewart objected vigorously.

"Why we should balk at spending a few millions to build up an effective system for selling property that cost the taxpayers \$18 billion is more than I can fathom," he declared.

Opinion of several spokesmen about the value of a central inventory was divided. Charleton MacVeigh, deputy director of the Army's Readjustment Division, thought a list purporting to be a complete inventory of tools on hand could be misleading in a number of respects. It would necessarily include surplus tools sold even while the list was being assembled. It would have to include surplus tools, by action of the War Production Board, cannot be generally offered because they are in "short supply"—and Mr. MacVeigh pointed out that some tools will be removed from the "short supply" category and added as war needs change. He foresaw some difficulties from the fact that a complete list would have to include all tools available for sale whether they had been declared surplus.

**Regulation 6 Criticized**

MacVeigh brought up a point which previously has aroused consideration; namely, that regulation of the Surplus Property Board permits the sale of production equipment to contractors in possession while the tools are engaged in war production and before the tools have been declared surplus by the owning agency and thus available to buyers in general. This point was not debated at length at the hearings but undoubtedly will come up in later investigation, for there have been at least two objections to regulation 6. The first is that it covers the sale of equipment prior to its being declared surplus, and the other is that the contractor in possession—usually regarded by Congress as a "big interest"—is able to dispose of surplus equipment on a favorable basis at a time when other potential users—usually placed in the category of "small business"—are unable to get a chance

Stuart Symington, the new chairman of the Surplus Property Board, lined up with Senator Stewart in believing maintenance of a complete central inventory is necessary. "You are not going to be happy unless you get such an inventory, and without such an inventory the small buyer is definitely 'skipped,'" Mr. Symington told the senator. It should be easy to set up such a list, he said. Every plant has

a list of government-owned equipment therein and contractors or government representatives operating those plants can send a copy of the list to Washington where, said Mr. Symington, it could be assembled into useful form by a group of no more than ten people.

Matthew H. Wells, assistant director of the Smaller War Plants Corp. Surplus Property Division, also supported Senator Stewart. "As an old machine tool man," he said, "I feel that there ought to be a complete inventory at a central point. The present list does have some value in that it indicates the regional offices of RFC that may have a machine of desired type and size. But it does not go far enough," said Mr. Wells. "It is not sufficient to list all grinding machines in one group; there are 25 to 30 different types of grinding machines and they should all be shown."

Barnett Watson, of the Smaller War Plants Corp. legal staff, informed the subcommittee that the SWPC about Aug. 15 will canvass some 30,000 small manufacturers throughout the nation to ascertain what machine tools and items of production equipment they need presently, including what they will need during the reconversion period. This canvass, it is hoped, will make it possible to define the "small business" market for surplus government-owned equipment.

E. Richard Bagarozzy, president, Pressurelube Inc., New York, testified that his company took a contract from the National Tube Co. on Navy work but, not being able to get two suitable automatic screw machines, was forced to subcontract about 90 per cent of the job—and this entailed some financial loss. Navy and RFC men on whom he called

for assistance were unable to locate the machines. Thereupon Scott R. Gray, the subcommittee's counsel, introduced an RFC list of surplus equipment available for sale at a plant operated by the Delco-Remy Division, General Motors Corp. at the time Mr. Bagarozzy wanted two screw machines. The latter identified two of the machines on this list as being just what he wanted.

The subcommittee proposes to send out investigators over the next couple of months to study all details of the present setup for disposing of surplus property. After their findings become available Senator Stewart expects to amplify a recently-introduced Senate resolution aimed at improving the present Surplus Property Act.

**Patent Ownership Spread Widely Over United States**

Ownership of patents is scattered widely over the United States, a survey of patents issued in the second quarter of 1945 indicates.

Announcing results of the survey, R. J. Dearborn, chairman of the patents committee, National Association of Manufacturers, New York, pointed out that every state was represented in the 6253 U. S. patents issued to Americans between April 3 and June 26.

States receiving most patents were New York, Illinois, New Jersey, Ohio, California, and Michigan, in that order. On a per capita basis the highest ranking states were Delaware, New Jersey, Connecticut, Michigan, and Illinois, in that order.

**Bill Proposes Congressional Sanction For All New Government Corporations**

A BILL requiring that all corporations established to act as agencies or instruments must be established by an act of Congress or pursuant to such an act has been introduced in the House by the Committee to Investigate Expenditures in the Executive Departments.

Bill further provides that after June 30, 1948, there should be an end to all wholly-owned government corporations created under the laws of any state, territory or possession of the United States unless they obtain congressional authority to incorporate under federal charter.

The bill, H. R. 3660, would effect some reforms, stipulating that a business-type budget for wholly-owned government corporations be incorporated as part of the annual federal budget. It would require for all government-owned corporations a commercial-type audit by the General Accounting Office and a report to Congress. The bill also, with certain exceptions, would provide for over-

all Treasury control of the depositories, financing and government security transactions of all corporations.

The government has gone into business to an unjustified extent, the committee said in reporting its bill to the House. It said that 101 separate government corporations are engaged in various fields of production, transportation, generation of power, loans, housing, insurance and other lines of business. As of Mar. 31, they had gross assets of \$29.6 billion, gross liabilities of \$28.4 billion and net worth of \$1.2 billion.

Of the gross assets, the major items, after deducting reserves for valuation and estimated losses, were \$13.3 billion in loans receivable; \$7.8 billion in land, structures and equipment; \$2.9 billion in commodities, supplies and materials; \$2.1 billion in investments; and \$1.6 billion in other receivables. Of the gross liabilities, \$22 billion were in bonds, notes and debentures.

# Senate Group Criticizes Plans For Transition

*Says U. S. unprepared to overcome postwar domestic problems. WPB claims good progress being made*

FAILURE of the government to plan properly for reconversion was charged last week by the Senate War Investigating Committee in its fourth annual report. An early end to the Pacific war, it warned, would "find us largely unprepared to overcome domestic problems.

Government work programs will not have been established. Unemployment on a large scale will ensue."

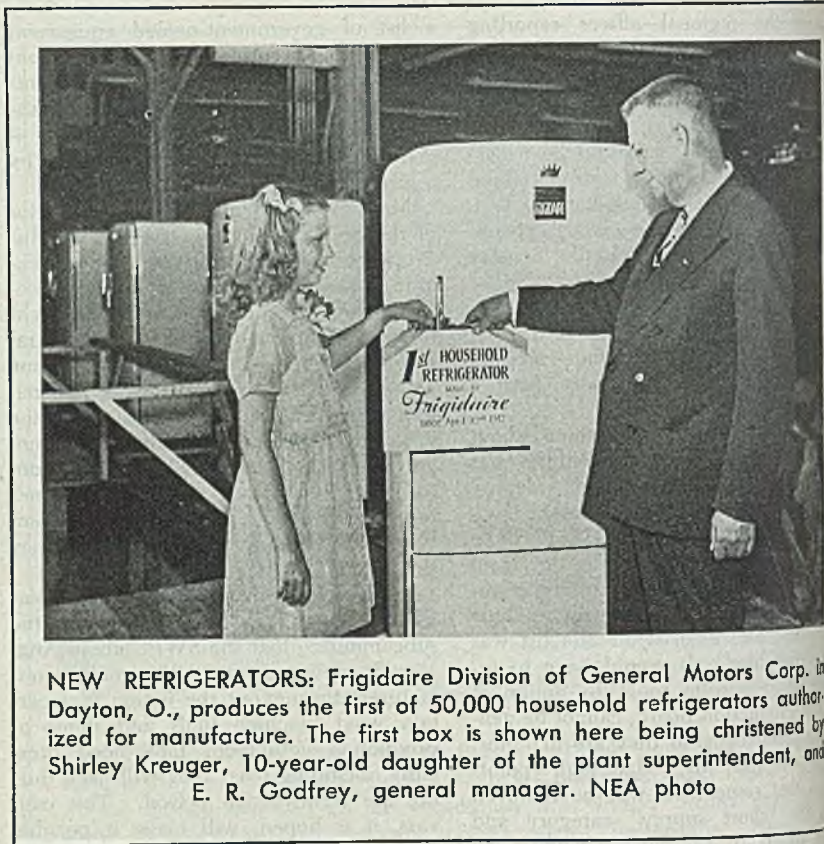
Although the committee concluded that reconversion "has not proceeded as swiftly as it should" since the end of the European war, this view is not held by the War Production Board. This agency said recently that American industry has made "excellent" progress toward reconversion while maintaining the high rate of production of goods required by the armed services.

WPB pointed out in its report that reconversion cannot go faster than resources of materials and manpower are released from war production. Industry has been aided in solving its reconversion problems by WPB's relaxation or cancellation of orders controlling the manufacture and distribution of many civilian products, open-ending the Controlled Materials Plan, and granting assistance to industry in obtaining tools and equipment or for construction necessary to reconversion.

WPB has issued a new regulation, priorities regulation 30, which requires application be made for a new "military" MM rating percentage not later than Aug. 15. New ratings will be based on July shipments. The "rating percentage" will indicate the proportion of their orders for production materials that manufacturers may rate as MM.

Those manufacturers who are most resourceful in seeking out idle and excess stocks, or in substituting materials that are in easy supply, such as aluminum sheet, for those that are in tight supply, such as light gage steel sheet, are the ones who are making the most rapid progress in reconverting to civilian production, WPB said. For instance, substitutions of aluminum corrugated sheet for galvanized steel sheet have been proposed for many types of Army and Navy shelters.

Procedure for getting priorities assistance on equipment needed for initiation, resumption or expansion of civilian production or services has been simplified.



**NEW REFRIGERATORS:** Frigidaire Division of General Motors Corp. in Dayton, O., produces the first of 50,000 household refrigerators authorized for manufacture. The first box is shown here being christened by Shirley Kreuger, 10-year-old daughter of the plant superintendent, and E. R. Godfrey, general manager. NEA photo

The filing of a single application (WPB form 541-A) to cover any number of items of equipment needed for the same civilian purpose is now permitted under priorities regulation No. 24, as amended.

Applications for equipment for war production or for production or services that are essential to the war effort must be filed under the customary procedures and not under the new civilian-production or services regulation.

Office of Price Administration and Office of Economic Stabilization announced recently a plan that will clear the decks for speedier handling of reconversion pricing problems. The plan sets up a procedure for removal of controls in less important fields, enabling OPA to give more effective attention in the task of setting prices for civilian goods coming back into production.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles is authorized now to suspend price control for specific items, or exempt them from price control entirely under stated conditions. Plans to lift the ceiling on some items, however, does not mean that suspension or termination of controls on major items in the American economy is contemplated, Mr. Bowles said.

Reconverting manufacturers have been given "profit factors" by OPA for use in working out rapid individual adjustments in ceiling prices of civilian products they are once more beginning to produce. Factors have been provided for 15 specified industries and for 7 industry groups, covering all unspecified industries covered by the three reconversion pricing orders issued July 19 (STEEL, July 30, p. 60.).

The profit factors equal one-half of average percentage margin of profit on total cost for the industry or industry group in the period of 1936-1939. In the case of the small firms, these profit factors are to be used only when they are higher than the firm's own pre-war margin over cost.

By using these factors, in combination with adjustments for increases in materials prices and basic wage rates, individual reconverting firms may obtain under these orders, price relief over above prices established after industry-wide reviews of existing ceiling prices of reconversion products.

The industries, industry groups, and profit factors in per cent are:

**Specified Industries:** Aluminum cooking utensils (sheets), 6.2; aluminum cooking utensils (cast), 2.3; bicycles, 3.8; clocks and watches, 5.5; coin-operated machines, 2.4; household sewing machines, 4.1; lighting fixtures, 2.6; metal cash registers, 1.6; metal office furniture, 5.4; musical toys, 5.1; musical instruments, except pianos and organs, 3.1; office and shop machines, 8.9; photographic accessories and equipment, 8.1; radios and phonographs, 3.0; safes and vaults, 3.9; saws, 4.7; firearms, 4.7; wood and upholstered furniture, 1.6.

**Industry Groups:** Beds, mattresses, etc., 3.2; small electrical appliances, 4.1; sporting goods, 3.1; miscellaneous non-ferrous metal products, 5.2; other miscellaneous durable products, 3.6; other wood products, 3.6.

Use of the factors is not mandatory in the case of manufacturers who do annual business not in excess of \$200,000.

# PRIORITIES-ALLOCATIONS-PRICES

Summaries of revocations of and amendments to orders and regulations; official interpretations and directives, issued by War Production Board and Office of Price Administration

## Reconversion Credit Aids for Small Business Urged

The period of reconversion, at best, will be a trying one and Congress should take action to insure that credit will be available wherever needed, Leo Crowley, in his capacity as chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., has advised the House Committee on Small Business.

However, in our enthusiasm to aid small business we should not make the mistake of advocating policies which will encourage business firms to assume debts which they cannot service.

The best way to aid in the financing of small business is to ameliorate certain basic economic problems. If small business is properly protected by the antitrust laws and by enforcement of fair trade practices, if taxation is fair and proper, and if the necessary steps are taken to avoid major depressions, small business will have such good prospects that it will have little difficulty in being financed."

In some respects, says Mr. Crowley, small business has exceptional advantages for financing itself. Its financing is on a relatively direct and personal basis, avoids most of the high cost and overhead which may be incident to the financing of large business, he says. The primary role of the federal government," says Mr. Crowley, "is not merely in the financing of small business but rather in helping to provide the fundamental conditions for confidence. One of the chief contributions the government can make in this connection is to avoid giving advantages to big business.

All this does not mean that there may never be a need for the government to take positive action. In the depression of the 1930s government loans to business were most appropriate. If depression again comes on, the Congress should provide for financing when and if necessary is warranted. Harm rather than good could result from extension of government activity in this field at present.

If depression does occur and government support of the financing of business becomes necessary that support should take the form of direct loans rather than government guarantee of loans," declared Mr. Crowley, thus placing himself squarely on record as opposed to the loan insurance program advocated by Maury Maverick of the Smaller War Plants Corp. Insurance of bank credits would encourage unsound banking methods, said Mr. Crowley.

## REVOCATIONS

**MOLYBDENUM PRODUCTS:** Order M-369, which established allocation control over molybdenum products, has been revoked. (M-369)

**TUNGSTEN:** Order M-369-a, which established allocation control with exceptions over tungsten and which restricted use of tungsten rod for contacts, has been revoked. (M-369-a)

## CMP REGULATIONS

**CLASS B PRODUCTS:** A manufacturer who wants to produce a class B product under CMP need not file an application on form CMP-4B for an allotment of controlled materials or an authorized production schedule for the product. He may obtain his material without use of ratings or allotments or by extending his customers' ratings to get uncontrolled materials. (CMP-1)

**ORDER SCHEDULING:** A controlled materials producer who is able to produce and deliver an order in advance of the time permitted by WPB regulations may reschedule for an earlier date, provided he gets agreement from his customer, if it is an authorized controlled material order and the earlier date is within the same quarter for which the order was originally scheduled. (CMP-1)

**ALUMINUM:** The 60-day restriction on inventories of aluminum has been changed to 90 days for all forms and shapes of the metal, except foil and extrusions. These inventory restrictions, as well as those contained in PR-1, do not apply to aluminum where the user's total inventory of all shapes and forms of it, except extrusions and foil, in any operating unit, does not exceed 100 000 pounds. A person is permitted to receive in anticipation of starting or resuming civilian production the maximum amount of aluminum, except extrusions and foil, he would need during the first 90 days of such production. (CMP-2)

**CONTRACTORS' INVENTORIES:** Prime contractors and subcontractors are now permitted to continue to accept "special" items when a war contract is severely cut back, but not terminated. If the customer is unable to reschedule deliveries so as to bring his inventory down to the limits required by CMP regulation No. 2 and priorities regulation No. 1 within six months, he may continue to accept delivery of the special items, provided deliveries are rescheduled at the lowest practicable rate and have been approved in writing to the customer by the procuring agency. (CMP-2, PR-1)

**COPPER WIRE:** Amount of copper wire that repairmen may buy in a quarter without WPB authorization has been increased from \$75 worth, or one-tenth of what they used in making repairs in the year 1941 (whichever is greater), to \$150 worth, or one-eighth of 1941 repair usage. (CMP-9A)

## L ORDERS

**ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT:** Restrictions on the production and sale of parts required for the manufacture and repair of electronic equipment have been removed. Restrictions were also removed from the sale of electronic equipment when produced under WPB authorization.

Procedures for applying for permission to make electronic equipment and for requesting permission for a producer to use idle and excess inventories that he may have on hand for civilian production have been simplified by WPB. (L-265)

**MOTORCYCLES:** Motorcycles with a piston displacement of less than 50 inches have been removed from distribution control. (L-331)

## M ORDERS

**IRON AND STEEL:** Processors must file a report of estimated monthly production of tungsten and molybdenum wire with the Ferroalloys Branch, Steel Division, WPB. (M-21)

## PRIORITIES REGULATIONS

**ORDER CUTBACKS:** Rules to be followed by manufacturers who received priorities assistance or an authorization for machine tools or other facilities for a military contract that has been canceled or cut back are set forth in direction 9 to priorities regulation 1. Procedures are established for machine tools or equipment orders that have not been placed, and also where orders already have been placed. (PR-1)

**CIVILIAN PRODUCTION:** Procedure for obtaining priorities assistance on equipment needed for the initiation, resumption or expansion of civilian production or services has been simplified. Filing of a single application to cover any number of items of equipment needed for the same civilian purpose is now permitted. The only exceptions are a few listed types of equipment such as some chemical processing or laboratory equipment and other items, for which the appropriate WPB form must also be filed. Applications for priorities assistance on equipment for war production or for production or services that are essential to the war effort must be filed under the customary procedures and not under the new civilian-production or services regulations. (PR-24)

## PRICE REGULATIONS

**IRON AND STEEL:** Base price for cold-finished carbon bars has been increased \$2 a net ton. Extras have been decreased \$2 a net ton for physical inspection and testing and \$6 a net ton for strain and stress relieving. Producers must file quarterly financial and production reports. (No. 6)

**COPPER ALLOY SCRAP:** Sellers of copper alloy scrap may add a special-use premium of 1.25 cents a pound to base maximum prices when the scrap is prepared to meet the specifications of certain qualified consumers and is sold suitable for their direct use without further preparation. (No. 20)

**STEEL WAREHOUSES:** Distributors may increase their maximum prices for cold-finished carbon steel bars \$2 a net ton. (No. 49)

**FERROSILICON:** Sellers of silicon metal or ferrosilicon of grades different from those for which specific maximum prices are provided may submit proposed prices for the items to OPA for approval. (No. 405)

**AIRCRAFT:** Price control of airplanes and most airplane parts was suspended, effective July 18. The exceptions that will remain under price control include: Die castings nonferrous castings, and iron and steel castings. (GMPR)

## Appointments-Resignations

M. J. Madigan, assistant to Robert P. Patterson, Under Secretary of War, has been appointed a member of the Aircraft Production Board, WPB. He replaces Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen who has returned to civilian life.

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Lee Moran has resigned as head of the Automotive Division, Office of Surplus Property, Department of Commerce.

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# MIRRORS of MOTORDOM

*Organization of Kaiser-Graham Corp. marks interesting chapter in automotive history. Name of Graham likely to disappear as hundreds of others have done. Los Angeles considered probable site for plant to manufacture new Kaiser cars*

ORGANIZATION of the Kaiser-Frazer Corp., with announced capitalization of \$100 million and its intent to embark on the production and sale of two new passenger cars, the Kaiser and the Frazer, possibly by next spring, is the latest chapter in the career of Joseph W. Frazer.

Associated with Walter P. Chrysler in the early days of the development of the Maxwell, he was later vice president in charge of sales for the Chrysler division of the Chrysler Corp. for 15 years, leaving his post there in 1939 to take over the presidency of Willys-Chrysler. He remained there four years, building up around him a production and administrative organization, most of which he took along with him when he purchased the Warren City Mfg. Co., Warren, O. At that time this company was a little known, but some Navy contracts and a new building and equipment, paid for in part by the Navy DPC, set things humming there.

Next came the deal whereby the 53-year-old Frazer acquired control of the Kaiser-Paige operations in Detroit, bringing in the Warren company as a subsidiary. He was named chairman of the board at no salary, but acquired 150,000 shares of Graham stock, priced at around \$3.50 or less per share. Soon thereafter Graham stock had advanced to \$7 per share. Thus, on paper at least, Frazer had assets of better than \$1 million, on an original investment reported to be meager.

## Other Backers Reported

Analysts say there are other interests behind Mr. Frazer, including the Atlas Trust, an eastern investment trust whose influence has been discerned in a score of industrial concerns throughout the country, including steel and automotive. A week ago Floyd Odum, president of Atlas Corp., denied Atlas was interested in the new Kaiser-Frazer Corp.

Announcement of the new company was a carefully timed affair. Newsmen were not informed of the meeting at which the announcement was made until after the stock market had closed the day. Thus, at 3 p.m. they were summoned and asked to be present at a meeting at 5 p.m. when an "important disclosure" would be made. They gathered in a small suite at the Cadillac to be greeted by Mr. Frazer and his public relations men. At the announcement of the Kaiser-Frazer Corp. was made, followed by Frazer getting on the long-dis-

tance telephone with Mr. Kaiser in San Francisco and saying, "Yes, Henry, the press conference is underway and they all seem quite impressed."

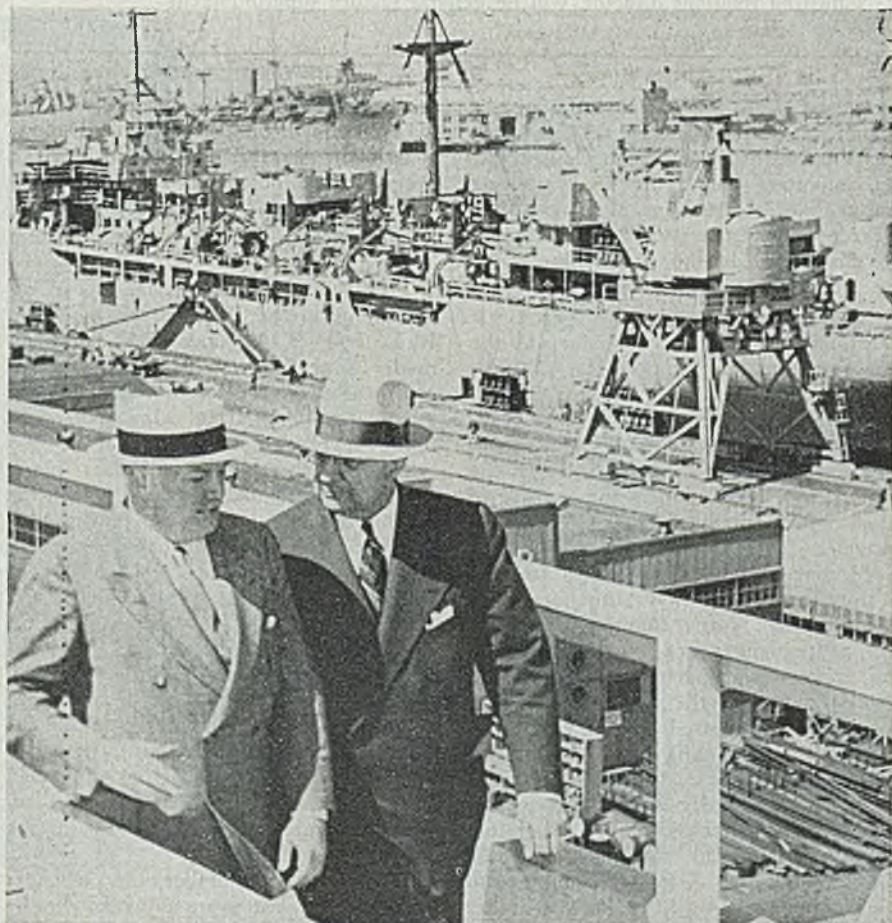
As everyone knew would happen, furious trading in Graham common stock developed on the day following the announcement, transactions totaling over 205,000 shares and the price going from 7 7/8 to 9. It kept moving at this pace as idle money poured into the "low-priced motors," as Graham is called in market parlance. Last Tuesday, it touched \$12 per share, or an increase of 52 per cent in 3 1/2 days of trading.

Realignment of the Graham board sees the removal of R. L. Hodgson as president to make way for Mr. Frazer who now apparently is to be a salaried official. Mr. Hodgson is a former official of the RFC who went into Graham

years ago after the RFC granted a large loan to the company. W. L. Eaton, for many years a Graham vice president and director, has resigned, and two new vice presidents, Vern Drum and W. A. MacDonald, both former associates of Mr. Frazer in Willys, have been named.

So the name Graham on passenger cars now appears relegated to the graveyard of hundreds of other makes which have come and gone over the years. Its successor is the Frazer, the name which also will be given to the tractor the company hopes to get into production some day. W. B. Stout, research expert for Consolidated Vultee Aircraft, continues to be a consultant for Mr. Frazer, some observers guessing this arrangement may have been sanctioned by Convair and its associates, the Aviation Corp., in exchange for Mr. Frazer agreeing to use a Lycoming engine in his car.

As for the West Coast arm of this newest automotive combine, many are convinced Mr. Kaiser has the backing of powerful financial interests including the Gianninis, Felix Kahn and a host



*Contemplating the use of expanded western industrial facilities for the future manufacture of passenger cars are Henry J. Kaiser, right, and Joseph W. Frazer on catwalk of warehouse overlooking Richmond Shipyard No. 2 at Richmond, Calif. Formation of the new Kaiser-Frazer Corp. was being announced as this picture was taken. NEA photo*

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JAMES L. CONLON

Mr. Conlon has been appointed resident manager of the new General Motors plant to be operated at Columbus, O., by Ternstedt Mfg. Division, a unit of Fisher Body. A veteran of 20 years with Ternstedt, he has been manager of the Detroit plant since last February. Mr. Hook has been named resident manager of the Fisher Body stamping plant to be built at Hamilton, O. Works manager at the Columbus plant will be Paul Jones, executive assistant to the general plant superintendent of Ternstedt, and John Broden, now industrial relations director, will be general factory superintendent.

of others. His name by virtue of his glamorized ship production achievements, has a powerful appeal to the lay public, an important factor in merchandising automobiles. His association with Mr. Frazer may prove to be the solution to merchandising the automobile which he intends to build on the Coast.

Speculation concerning the West Coast location of a plant to manufacture the Kaiser automobile indicates Los Angeles as the probable site.

An important consideration is availability of raw material. If, as is probable, steel sheets are supplied by the Kaiser mill at Fontana, the source of steel will be only 50 miles from Los Angeles.

Moreover, bodies produced for the test models of the new auto have been stamped by Norris Stamping & Mfg. Co. at its plant in Los Angeles. Although no announcement has been made that Norris will be the subcontractor for bodies, it is believed that it likely will be. Norris Stamping which has grown into one of the West Coast's biggest war plants, undoubtedly will have surplus plant space after the war. Therefore it appears logical that Norris would utilize its Los Angeles plant rather than build or buy a plant at another location, such as San Francisco.

A third factor in favor of Los Angeles is the aircrafts parts industry, which could probably be converted readily to making automobile components. When plane manufacture slumps from its wartime rate, large numbers of the plane parts subcontractors will face the al-

ternative of finding new products to manufacture or of going out of business. It is likely therefore that they will make every effort to obtain the Kaiser business.

Another reason for a Los Angeles location is the presence there of tire making facilities.

First summary of passenger car registrations in the U. S. to be made by R. L. Polk & Co. since 1941 has been made as of July 1, 1944, and it indicates car mortality has not been nearly as severe as popularly supposed. The figure of 5000 per day has been used widely as the number of cars being scrapped, but Polk's survey shows cars leaving the road at a rate of 3365 a day, and not all of these are being scrapped, since thousands of cars, particularly in the East, are being stored until the gasoline and tire situation eases, thus not showing on registrations.

Total registrations on July 1, 1944, were 24,114,922 units, compared with 27,700,011 three years previous. At this rate of decline, registrations on July 1 of this year would have declined to about 22,919,892. Chances are, however, the rate of decline slows as the overall total shrinks.

Of the total number of passenger cars licensed last year, a breakdown by makes shows the following order in the first ten: Chevrolet 6,079,937, Ford 5,536,418, Plymouth 3,041,222, Buick 1,542,725, Dodge 1,479,421, Pontiac 1,358,833, Oldsmobile 1,202,736, Chrysler 584,963, Studebaker 568,347 and Packard 435,664. Order is unchanged from 1941.

Widespread population shifts caused by wartime industrial movement reflected in registration figures, some counties where production has been concentrated, registrations have increased more than 50 per cent since 1941 levels. Three states, California, Oregon and Utah, showed increased registrations, 1944 over 1941.

Henry Ford celebrated his eightieth second birthday last Monday and issued a prepared statement from his home in Dearborn, the first word from the veteran manufacturer in many weeks. He said, in part, "The nation and the world are on the threshold of a prosperity and standard of living that never before was considered possible. There are problems — human, economic and political — that must be solved. Employment hinges on the right of private industry to go forward unhampered. There must be more and more industry, more and more competition for greater excellence in quality.

"Labor should be educated so it may know and understand the problems of industry and the full benefits of its operation. Industry wants to help that education, given the chance. Many of the barriers between management and labor will dissolve when the chance is given.

"We owe the men and women who fought and are fighting in this war a debt. The Ford Motor Co. will not forget them. Nor will it forget those who were too young to fight, but who were forced to live through the horrors of war. The veterans of this war and these young men and women are the ones who will prevent its repetition.

#### New Valve Alloy Developed

New hard-facing alloy for automobile engine valves has been developed by metallurgists of the Wilcox-Richardson of Eaton Mfg. Co., called Eaton 40. It contains 40 per cent nickel, 30 chromium, 15 tungsten, 10 cobalt, 2.25 molybdenum and the balance iron. The alloy is designed to show improved wear and corrosion resistance over stellite-type material, particularly when subject to the corrosive attack of leaded fuels at high temperatures. It is applied to valves by conventional puddling methods, in thickness of about 3/64-inch.

Corerom operations at the Bostwick gray iron foundry will start Aug. 6 and the foundry itself will resume August after a brief shutdown for renovation and installation of new equipment. Production of the Hercules engine has been in process for the past several months and has been completed.

OPA-approved price on the Wilcox-Richardson peacetime jeep has been announced at \$1090, f.o.b. Toledo, exclusive of tax and any extras, such as top, power windows, radio, off, accessories, etc. This would appear to make the delivered price in the farmer's barn, with only basic accessories something like \$1500.



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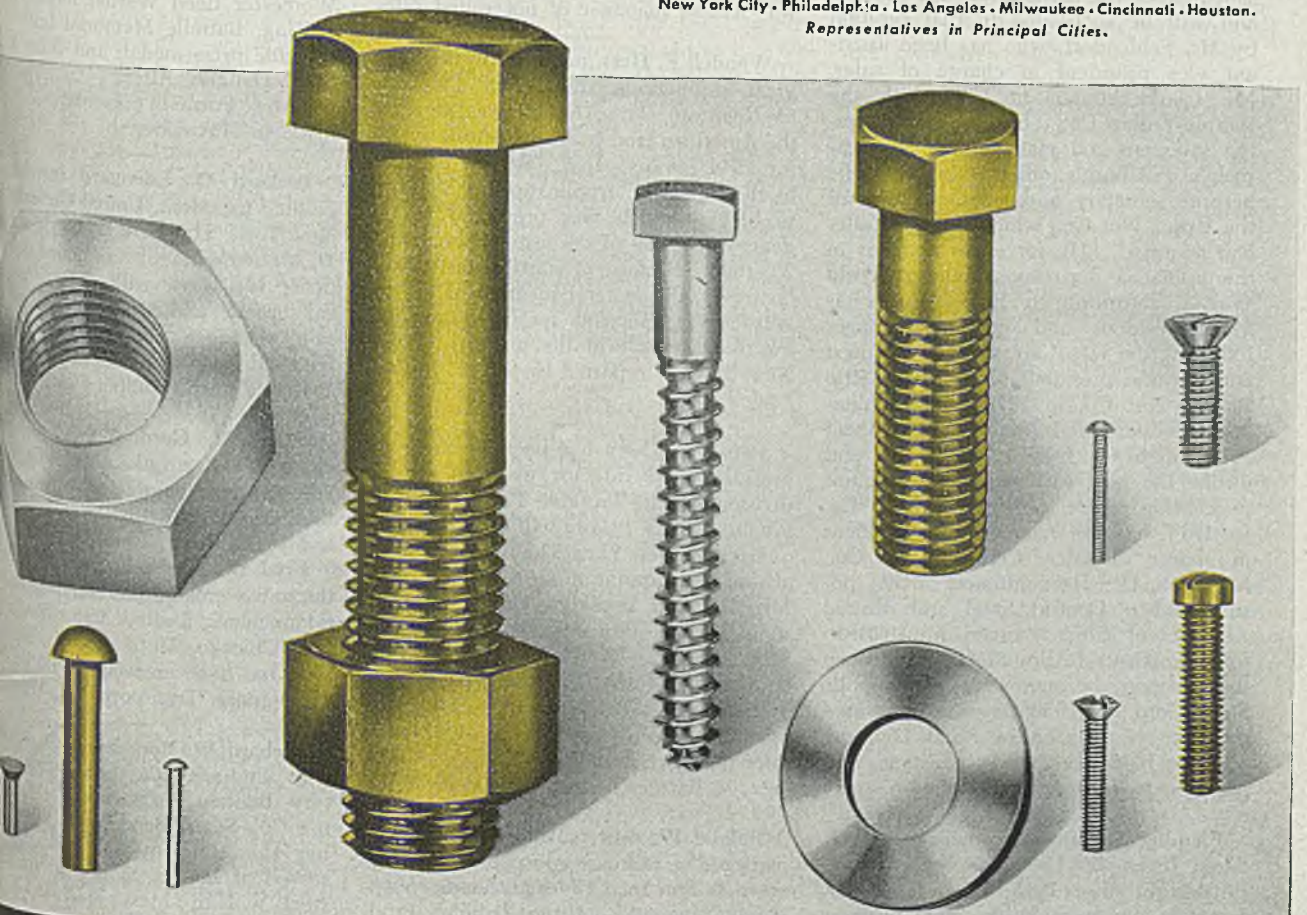
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# MEN of INDUSTRY



N. J. CLARKE

N. J. Clarke has been elected senior vice president and J. M. Schlendorf vice president in charge of sales, Republic Steel Corp., Cleveland. Mr. Clarke has been vice president in charge of sales for Republic since September, 1930, shortly after the corporation was formed, and will be succeeded in that position by Mr. Schlendorf, who has been assistant vice president in charge of sales. Mr. Clarke started in 1897 with the Bourne-Fuller Co., successively becoming salesman and manager of the company's Pittsburgh office. In 1912 he became secretary and sales manager of the Upon Nut Co., which Bourne-Fuller had acquired. He served as a major in the ordnance department during World War I, returning to Bourne-Fuller as vice president and general manager following the war. Mr. Clarke organized and became president of the Lake Erie Bolt & Nut Co. in 1919. Mr. Schlendorf was associated with American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. from 1905 to 1915, and during the next two years was assistant purchasing agent, Willys-Overland Co. In 1917 he was named vice president in charge of sales, Central Steel Co., Massillon, O. He continued in that position when Central Steel and United Alloy Steel Corp. merged in 1926 to form the Central Alloy Steel Corp. When that company became a part of Republic Steel Corp. in 1930 he was appointed manager of sales, Alloy Steel Division, and in 1936 was made assistant vice president in charge of sales.

Fleming E. Jamieson, manager of orders, Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., Pittsburgh, since 1913, has retired. Mr. Jamieson has been in the steel business 53 years. He joined Jones & Laughlin in 1912 and was appointed manager of orders in 1913.

Robert H. Gardner has been appointed general manager of sales, A. M. Byers Co., Pittsburgh. Mr. Gardner has been manager of the company's Washington office since 1933 except for four years



WENDELL F. HESS

during which he was manager of the company's steel pipe sales. He takes over the duties of the late Myron J. Czarniecki. H. R. Rowland has been named assistant general manager of sales. He has been a member of the sales department since 1915 and in 1944 was named manager of hot rolled sales.

Wendell F. Hess, professor of metallurgical engineering, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y., was awarded the American Iron & Steel Institute medal for 1944 for his paper, "Recent Progress in the Scientific Application of Welding to Steel," which was presented at the general meeting of the institute held May 25, 1944. Because of wartime restrictions on travel, the general meeting of the institute was canceled for 1945 and the award was made at the institute offices, New York, as reported by STEEL, July 30 issue.

John C. Sykora has been elected vice president and director of sales for all divisions of the Portable Products Corp., Pittsburgh. Mr. Sykora will have his headquarters in New York. The five units comprising the corporation are C. J. Tagliabue Mfg. Division, Brooklyn; Coldwell Lawnmower and Philadelphia Lawnmower Mfg. Divisions, Newburgh, N. Y.; Paul & Beekman Mfg. Division, Pittsburgh; Strauss Mfg. Division, Pittsburgh. Mr. Sykora formerly was vice president and sales manager, Industrial Division, Gould Storage Battery Corp., Depew, N. Y.

Roland W. Burt, until recently eastern manager of railroad sales, Joseph T. Ryerson & Son Inc., Chicago, has been appointed manager of the Tubular Products Division. Mr. Burt became associated with the company in 1923 and has served in various sales capacities.

American Society of Mechanical Engineers has announced its annual awards will be made to the following: For distinguished service in engineering and science, William Frederick Durand,



RICHARD O. LOENGARD

chairman, Division of Engineering Industry, National Research Council, Holley medal to Dr. Sanford Moss, General Electric Co. for his pioneer work on turbo-superchargers; Dr. Joseph Juran, assistant to the administrator, Foreign Economic Administration, Worcester Reed Warner medal; W. J. King, Battelle Memorial Institute, Melville prize medal; and Bruce E. Mar, Douglas Aircraft Co., the highest award. Formal presentations were made in November.

Richard O. Loengard has been appointed president, United Chromium, New York; Theodore G. Coyle and Fred D. McLeese have been named vice presidents. Mr. Coyle will continue as technical director and Mr. McLeese as general sales manager. Kevin W. Schwartz resigned as vice president but he will be available to the company as a consultant.

Frank H. Gordon, vice president in charge of sales, Lukens Steel Co., Conowingo, Pa., has completed 50 years of continuous service with the company.

Fred W. Eiselstein has been named to the newly created position of general manager, United States Steel Corp., Chicago. Until recently, Mr. Eiselstein has been associated with the Office of Defense Transportation, Washington.

Richard W. Berg has been named district engineer for the Pittsburgh territory, Bantam Bearings Division, Torrington Co., South Bend, Ind. Prior to joining the company in 1944, Mr. Berg served as melter of electric arc furnace steels with the Mesta Machine Co., Pittsburgh.

C. W. Guyatt, formerly chief industrial engineer, American Steel & Wire Co., Cleveland, has been appointed assistant manager. C. D. King, chairman of operating committees, United States Steel Corp., Delaware, Pittsburgh. Mr. Guyatt joined the American Steel & Wire Co. in



WILLIAM W. MALONEY



RAY E. VALENTINE



ROBERT W. MORGAN

Industrial engineer at Worcester, Mass., and after several promotions was made chief industrial engineer of the company in 1942. He will assist Mr. King in the establishment of production standards for all U. S. Steel subsidiary manufacturing companies. **Donald G. Dalton** has been appointed assistant general patent attorney for the patent bureau, United States Steel Corp. of Delaware. Mr. Dalton entered the patent department of the steel corporation in 1939.

**William W. Maloney**, who has been the manager, American Foundrymen's Association, was elected secretary succeeding **Robert E. Kennedy** who has been named secretary emeritus. Mr. Maloney will also serve as chief administrative officer of the association. **Norman W. Hinkle** was re-elected director of the technical development program, C. E. Reining was re-elected treasurer, and Miss Reining was re-elected assistant treasurer.

**Carl L. Liebau**, for the past 11 years president in charge of sales, Federal Malleable Co., West Allis, Wis., is taking over the duties of **W. J. MacNeill** president and general manager, who has resigned. Mr. Liebau assumes responsibility of the management as vice president.

**R. A. Armstrong**, for several years general sales manager, Michigan Seamless Steel Co., South Lyon, Mich., has been elected vice president in charge of sales.

**J. Mergenhausen** recently joined the Pittsburgh sales organization, Heppenstedt Co., Pittsburgh. For the past eight years, Mr. Mergenhausen has been district sales manager in Erie, Pa., for Bracer-Hunter-Hundley Inc., Buffalo.

**Gilbert Seler**, superintendent of the quality control departments, Steel & Tube Division, Timken Roller Bearing Co., Canton, O., has been named assistant general superintendent of the division.

Starting with the company in 1931, he has served as a refractories engineer, manager of research, and prior to becoming superintendent of quality, was manager of research and mill metallurgy.

**Ray E. Valentine** has been appointed St. Louis agent, National Malleable & Steel Castings Co., Cleveland. Mr. Valentine, who has been with the company since 1912, has been on loan to the War Production Board, Washington, since 1943 as chief of the Malleable Iron Section.

**Don Poor** has been appointed advertising manager of the Ceco Steel Products Corp., Omaha, Nebr., and he will have headquarters in the company's Manufacturing Division, Chicago. For the past five years, Mr. Poor has been assistant advertising and sales promotion manager, Lyon Metal Products Inc., Aurora and Chicago Heights, Ill.

**Rhoades V. Newbell** has been appointed manager of the Advertising and Sales Promotion Division, Deepfreeze Division of the Motor Products Corp. at North Chicago, Ill. He formerly directed advertising for the Magnavox Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

**Leonard Happ**, who has been with the T. E. Conklin Brass & Copper Co. Inc., New York, for 34 years, has been elected assistant secretary and general manager. **William W. Doxey** was appointed assistant general manager.

**B. C. Cabbage** has been named eastern sales manager, Construction Sales Co. Inc., New York, and he will have his offices in Albany, N. Y.

**Frederick F. Robinson**, president, National Aviation Corp., New York, has been elected a director of Bell Aircraft Corp., Buffalo.

**John A. Coe Sr.**, has resigned as chairman, American Brass Co., Waterbury, Conn., and is succeeded by **Clark S.**

**Judd**, formerly president. **Arthur H. Quigley**, formerly executive vice president, has been elected president. **John A. Coe Jr.**, formerly vice president in charge of sales succeeds Mr. Quigley as executive vice president.

**Robert W. Morgan** recently was appointed chief engineer, Fedders Mfg. Co. Inc., Buffalo. Mr. Morgan will direct all the company's engineering activities.

**E. W. Ferry**, president, E. W. Ferry Screw Products Inc., Cleveland, was elected president of the Cleveland Athletic Club at its annual meeting. **Frank A. Mitchell**, SAE Steels Inc., was elected vice president.

**V. S. Herrington**, San Francisco, has been appointed district manager for the Transportation Division, Apparatus Department, General Electric Co.

**Charles H. Hirst** has been named sales manager for mining equipment and machinery, Joshua Hendy Iron Works, Sunnysvale, Calif. Mr. Hirst formerly was supervisor in the Ordnance Division.

**W. S. Dawson**, manager of the Wellington, O., plant, Cleveland Steel Products Corp., has been elected vice president, Romec Pump Co., Elyria, O. **V. J. Peterson**, tool room foreman, succeeds Mr. Dawson as manager.

**E. A. France**, son of Adam W. France, founder of the France Packing Co., Philadelphia, has been elected president and general manager. **J. C. Allen** is treasurer.

**Paul C. Jones** has been named field technical manager, B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co., Cleveland. Mr. Jones has been associated with the company since 1927, and has been technical representative on chemical sales.

**James F. Pedder**, formerly advertising manager, Frigidaire Division, General



JOHN D. TULLY

Manager of sales, rails and accessories, Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem, Pa., as noted in STEEL, July 16, p. 102



WILLIAM E. BREWSTER

General superintendent, Wisconsin Steel Works Division, International Harvester Co., Chicago, STEEL, July 23, p. 98



W. H. WILLIAMS

Who has been elected president, Co. Controller Co., Cleveland, as noted STEEL, July 30, p. 66

Motors Corp., is joining the newly created employee co-operation staff of the corporation. He will be director of employee information and will have his headquarters in Detroit. Mr. Pedder is succeeded as advertising manager of Frigidaire by F. H. Peters, manager of range and water heater sales.

S. H. Standish, general manager of the G.H.R. Foundry Division, Dayton Malle-

able Iron Co., Dayton, O., has been named vice president in charge of engineering. W. J. MacNeill, formerly president, Federal Malleable Co., West Allis, Wis., succeeds Mr. Standish as general manager of the G. H. R. Foundry Division.

L. J. Edwards has been named field manager, General Alloys Co., Boston. Mr. Edwards will supervise the company's

field engineering and sales activities. Succeeding Mr. Edwards as New England district manager is B. W. Bittner who formerly was assistant manager of the engineering department.

Leon R. Baker, European manager Lempco Products Inc., Bedford, O., recently returned to the United States for a month to renew personal contacts with manufactures.

OBITUARIES . . .

Philip B. Gale, 71, chairman, Standard Screw Co., New York, and its subsidiaries, died at his home in Bloomfield, Conn. He became first vice president of the company in 1917, later becoming president and he was elected chairman of the board in 1930.

William H. Bryant, 54, Chicago sales manager, Joseph T. Ryerson & Son Inc., Chicago, died July 23 near Iron Mountain, Mich. Mr. Bryant had been associated with the company since 1906.

Boyd E. Keifer, 51, Cincinnati, division manager for the Timken Roller Bearing Co., Canton, O., died July 25 in Kalkaska, Mich. Mr. Keifer had been division manager for the Timken company in the Cincinnati territory for the past 18 years.

Daniel Gartling, 96, co-founder and owner, California Well Tool & Machine Works, Los Angeles, died at his home July 20.

Jacob Edge, 59, first vice president and sales manager, Downingtown Mfg. Co., Downingtown, Pa., died July 24.

John T. Booth, 67, a veteran of nearly 50 years' service with the National Malleable & Steel Castings Co.,

Cleveland, died at his home in that city July 29. Mr. Booth first became associated with the company in 1897, and had been a department superintendent at the Cleveland plant for 18 years.

Charles E. Rapp, 62, assistant to the vice president, Westinghouse Electric Corp. in Jersey City, N. J., died July 27.

George J. Meyer, 74, head of the George J. Meyer Mfg. Co., Cudahy, Wis., died at his home July 30.

Neil I. McArthur, 55, vice president of Great Lakes Foundry Sand Co., Detroit, died in Charlevoix, Mich., July 24.

Whitford C. Gillies, vice president, Construction Sales Co. Inc., New York, died July 28 in Albany, N. Y.

Robert E. Hunter, 51, president, Hunter Construction Co., Youngstown, died recently in that city. He became president of the company in 1927.

Horace D. Campbell, 75, president and general manager, Campbell Heating Co., Des Moines, Iowa, died in that city recently.

Charles Kendall Foster, 77, a director of the American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp., Chicago, with which he had been associated for 53 years, died

July 28 in New York. He joined American Radiator Co. in 1892 as assistant secretary and retired from active participation in the organization in 1939 as executive vice president. He also was a director of the American Foundries, Chicago.

Frederick Fisher, 68, president, R. Ellis Engineering Co., Chicago, died July 30 in that city. He had been associated with the company since 1916 and had been active in the machine tool industry more than 30 years. Mr. Fisher was a member of the machine tool division of the Chicago Ordnance District.

Jack H. Wilson, 49, for the past 20 years sales engineer in the Cincinnati office, A. Finkl & Sons Co., Cincinnati, died July 25 in Cincinnati as result of an automobile accident. For the past six years, Mr. Wilson was also the representative in the Cincinnati district of the Acme Machinery Division, Hill Co., Cleveland.

John W. Westcott, 73, secretary and treasurer, Wagner Electric Corp., St. Louis, died July 20. He had been associated with the Wagner company for 47 years and was elected to the board of directors in 1927.

John J. Hoppes, 87, president of Hoppes Mfg. Co., Springfield, O., died recently in that city.

# Krug Warns Coast Industrialists Not To Neglect Reconversion Plans

*WPB chairman says area is entering crucial period in which full pressure of war production will be felt. Sees great industrial future for district but admonishes business leaders they will have to work out their own destiny*

THE ENTIRE West Coast is entering a crucial period in which the full pressure of Pacific war demands will be felt. At the same time, the West must not neglect plans for reconversion so as to avoid more than the necessary postwar dislocations.

This was the double-barreled admonition given recently in Los Angeles by J. Edgar Krug, chairman, War Production Administration, as he neared the end of a western tour of industrial centers.

In affirming previously stated policy on reconversion, Mr. Krug put the emphasis on individual business initiative. Anticipating great industrial growth for the West, he declared that people of the area will have to work out their own destiny and not depend upon Washington "benevolence" to do it for them.

Mr. Krug predicted booming business after the war for the Los Angeles area as well as other centers where reconversion and overhauling of the gigantic American fleet will be done. He also predicted unprecedented prosperity for the West in trades which will maintain the production of machines to be built for homes and automobiles. He voiced an opinion that many of the persons who have settled in the western California will find jobs in its expanding civilian industries.

Mr. Krug emphasized that present shortages in certain industrial areas including Los Angeles, which have shown meteoric growths since the war began, will not show vast improvement until chronic housing shortages are eliminated so as to catch up with the increasing populations.

## Employment at 3-Year Low

Factory employment in the Los Angeles industrial area fell to 325,000 workers in 1943, the lowest level in three years, according to a report from the California Department of Industrial Relations. The peak of payrolls was in August, 1943, when 475,000 were employed in all industries in the area.

The number in aircraft in Los Angeles was 100,600; in shipyards, 48,100. In other employment drops have been considerable.

Figures for the entire state of California show the number of workers in iron and steel plants at 47,300 at the end of June. There are 42,300 men and women now working in the machinery industry.

Lease of large government industrial properties on a basis of sub-

division or space shared by many businesses was discussed last week in Los Angeles at a meeting at which Parley P. Eccles, representative of the Senate Surplus Property Subcommittee, conferred with Southern California industrialists.

The conference was called by the Los

## Industrial Expansion Continues on Coast

PLANS for industrial expansion in northern California announced during the first half of this year total nearly \$35 million, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce reports.

According to the compilation, 176 new factories will be built at a cost of \$26,452,400 and 153 plants will be expanded at a cost of \$8,446,500. Nearly all of the projects are in the San Francisco Bay area. Most of them will not be undertaken until materials and manpower are more plentiful.

During June \$505,000 was invested in new factories in Los Angeles county and 210 new jobs created thereby. In the same month, 26 existing plants were expanded at an additional investment of \$1,538,000, creating 461 new industrial jobs, according to the industrial department, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Total investments in 1945 so far have been \$20,500,000 in the county, which is approximately 5 per cent less than investment in like undertakings during the first six months in 1944.

New industries in the Los Angeles area include:

Ferro Enamel Corp., Cleveland, will build a branch plant at 5901 S. Riverside Drive, Los Angeles, for manufacture of porcelain enamel frit and synthetic enamel industrial paints. John A. Rumer will be Los Angeles manager. Cap-Tin Development Corp. of California, 635-645 S. San Pedro St., has begun manufacture of zippers of all types. Robert Rosenbloom is secretary-treasurer and manager. Best Screw Products Co., 11354 S. Atlantic Blvd., Lynwood, making screw machine products. Herbert W. Dane, manager.

Felbro Wire Products Co., 3013 S. San Pedro St., manufacturing lamp shades and other wire products. Kurtis Kraft, 1107 E. Colorado Blvd., Glendale, producing jigs, fixtures and aircraft parts. Postwar plans include manufacture of

Angeles Chamber of Commerce Industrial Department to suggest possibilities by which individual firms might purchase space in sections of plants too large for exclusive use by one company.

## Workers Leaving Essential Jobs in Pacific Northwest

Figures released by A. F. Hardy, Washington state manpower director, reveal that 4000 war workers a month are leaving essential jobs in the Puget Sound area and returning to their homes in the East.

"This is not a net loss," he stated, "because we may have about 3000 new workers come into the area monthly. But it is like taking one step forward and falling back two."

racing cars. Lacial, 8383 Sunset Blvd., patterns and molds, tools and machine designers; W. E. Abbott is owner.

Expansions include:

Essick Mfg. Co., 1950 Santa Fe Ave., has acquired 22,000 sq. ft. of land at 2416 E. 14th St., with 20,000 sq. ft. of floor space. Another building is planned with 12,000 sq. ft. At 2010 Santa Fe Ave., 4000 sq. ft. are being added. Company makes aircooling systems, hoists, contractors' pumps, concrete mixers, road rollers and spraying

Kinney Industries, 275 N. Avenue 19, plan 25,000 sq. ft. building on S. Flower St. A. T. Case Co., 6100 Avalon Blvd. is building 16,000 sq. ft. plant at 1532 California Ave., Monrovia, and will move there about Oct. 30. Company makes food processing units and surgical sterilizers. Coast Coil Spring Co., 11703 S. Main St., is erecting 15,000 sq. ft. building at 123 E. 58th St. Kruse Metals Mfg. Co., 1359 Channing St., constructing 14,000 sq. ft. addition at 1355 Channing St.

Ferris Screw Products Co., 3629 Medford St., is erecting 3800 sq. ft. building at 10541 Dolores Ave., South Gate. Westcraft Machine & Engineering Co., 1334 Canal St., Long Beach, is erecting 8000 sq. ft. machine shop at 1451 Canal St., Long Beach. Garland Engineering Co., 3220 Ardmore Ave., South Gate, has built 7000 sq. ft. office and machine shop at 4120 Ardmore Ave., South Gate. Vernon Pattern Works, 5107 Pacific Blvd., has built 7000 sq. ft. addition for production of dies and tools. Allen Mfg. Co., 6021 Compton Ave., erecting 6500 sq. ft. building at 84th St. and Graham Ave. Produces screw machine products, aircraft parts, hydraulic units, radio parts, etc. Capitol Brass & Aluminum Foundry, 1822 E. 58th Place, adding 3100 sq. ft. Rankin Mfg. Co., 3072 W. Pico Blvd., is occupying 8000 sq. ft. at above address for manufacture of welding rods.

# WING TIPS

*New Curtiss-Wright V-Tab permits maximum loading of heavy planes without consideration of weight distribution. Center of gravity need be bugaboo no longer. Permits maximum utilization of cargo and passenger space*

CENTER of gravity, bugaboo of pilots and maintenance men ever since man's first powered flight, becomes a minor problem as the result of Curtiss-Wright Corp.'s development of a revolutionary trim tab device for transport aircraft. Known as the V-Tab, the invention allows maximum loading of planes without consideration of weight distribution.

Details of the V-Tab, which while adding only 10 pounds to the total weight of the Commando results in an amazing "CG" range and vastly improved airplane stability, were announced by Curtiss-Wright last week. The new device already is in operation on the C-46, military version of the Commando which will fly on many of the nation's airlines when war conditions permit. Delivery of the Wright-powered CW-20 commercial Commando will begin soon after the first of the year.

Maximum utilization of cargo and passenger space in the Commando—is the greatest boon of the V-Tab, which does not affect the airplane's speed and which operates automatically. Pilots no longer will have to trim ship while passengers walk back and forth in the cabin, and airline maintenance men will have to worry only about the total load of passengers and cargo, rather than figuring out distribution of weight by a complicated slide rule procedure.

Nor will it be necessary to shift cargo from one compartment to another while

passengers have to pace restlessly back and forth at airports, a frequent occurrence today. It will no longer be necessary to "ground" passengers when there are vacant seats, because of cargo loaded so that rearward seats may not be used. The device is seen as hurdling one of the greatest barriers to "flying club cars" of tomorrow, since it assures the free movement of passengers during flight.

Pilots, especially, will benefit from the V-Tab. Both in present military operations and in the airline runs of the future, Commando crewmen will be subjected to less fatigue since the tab will keep the ship in balanced flight.

## Aid Troop Carriers

Perhaps the most immediate beneficiaries of the development will be the pilots of Commandos operated by the Army's Troop Carrier Command. These men have taken a terrific beating in the past, trying to keep their giant planes in level flight and in close formation while 36 paratroopers charge down the cabin and jump out the double doors in the rear of the fuselage. With the V-Tab installation, the shift in weight and "CG" caused by movement of paratroopers will be compensated for automatically. Pilots no longer will have to fight to keep their airplanes in straight and level flight.

The V-Tab, too will take a load off the shoulders of the Army, Navy and

Marine Corps men who load cargo carrying Commandos for vital war missions. Now, it will be a question of simply how much to put aboard, rather than exactly where to place what part of the load in the cargo compartments. The same, of course, will apply to loading of airline Commandos when they go into operation. Once the Commando is loaded, the V-Tab will take care of the airplane's balance in flight.

Operating with the same conventional trim controls which are standard in transport planes, Curtiss Commandos already have achieved an unusual record of cargo and troop-carrying aircraft all over the globe. Making up the backbone of the vast sky freight fleet operating over the famed India-China Himalayan "Hump," C-46 Commandos also are daily flying thousands of miles across the Pacific for the Marine Corps as hospital planes and high-priority cargo haulers. Several months ago, they were designated as the standard aircraft for the Troop Carrier Command.

With the V-Tab installation, the Commando will prove even more a "pilot's airplane." And, completely tested under the rigorous conditions of war, it will take its place as the top twin-engine transport of the nation's airlines as soon as war conditions permit production of luxury liners of the air.

## Partial Details Revealed About Consolidated B-32

Partial details of the newest of the Army Air Forces big bombers, the long-restricted Consolidated B-32, sister of the Boeing B-29, have been revealed with announcement the plane is in service against the Japanese.

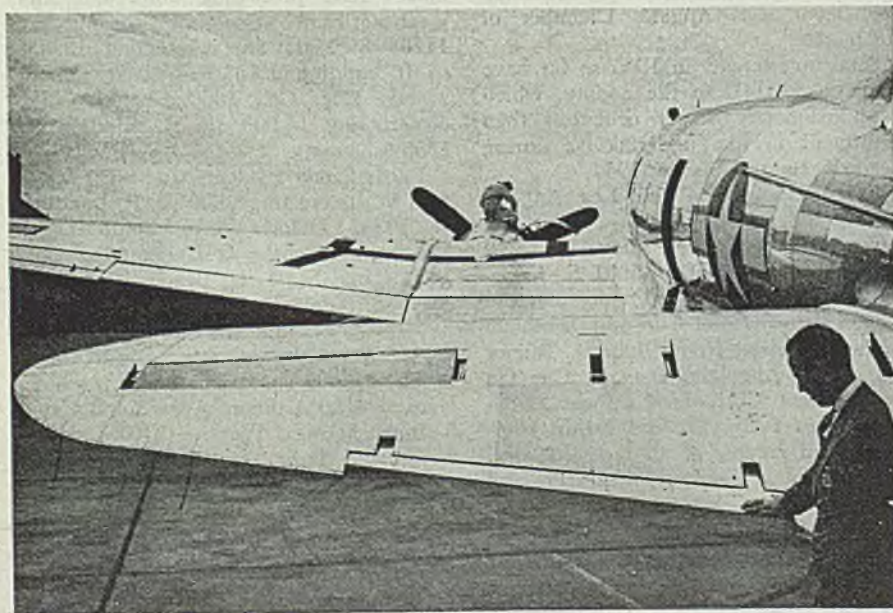
Featuring heavy fire power and to load the B-32 was designed especially for operations in the Pacific. Although certain details are not yet available, it is known to carry sizable bomb loads long distances at speeds exceeding 400 mph.

It is an all-metal, high-wing, cantilever tail monoplane with a cylindrical, stressed monocoque fuselage and a modified Davis low-drag wing with Fowler wing flaps. The tricycle landing gear uses dual tires, is fully retractable and has a completely swiveling nose wheel.

Power is supplied by four double-row 18-cylinder Wright Cyclone engines, 2200 hp, each equipped with two exhaust-driven turbo-superchargers. Curtiss 4-blade electric propellers have a diameter of 16 ft 8 in and are equipped with Curtiss automatic synchronization. Propellers on the two inboard engines have reversible pitch blades for braking during the landing run.

Wing span of the B-32 is 135 ft 2 in; length is 93 ft 1 in; and height is 32 ft 2 in. It has a wing area of 1422 sq ft and a gross weight of approximately 100,000 lb. Overloaded it weighs 120,000 lb; empty, more than 60,000 lb.

The B-32 was developed by the C



*This simple control surface, indicated by Curtiss-Wright test pilot, will greatly simplify peacetime operation of airline transport planes. Operating automatically, it eliminates the necessity—as the plane's load is increased or lessened at various stops—for shifting of cargo to keep the plane in safe balance*

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✓	3	No	Yes
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**NAVY HELICOPTER:** The PV-3, large helicopter manufactured by the P-V Engineering Forum Inc., Sharon Hill, Pa., under direction of the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics, is shown here in test flight. The craft was designed for Navy-Coast Guard air-sea rescue and for air transport operations. It is claimed to be the first successful design using configuration of two rotors in tandem. NEA photo

solidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. in cooperation with Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Knerr's Air Technical Service Command, and was built initially at both the company's Ft. Worth and San Diego plants. Since last May, however, limited production continues at the Ft. Worth facility.

Normal crew is eight and the first of the B-32 crews to see combat are former Liberator crews, except for the aerial engineers, who had finished their operational training in the Fourth Air Force and who were converted to the B-32.

Transition training for B-32 crew members, which was begun last February, is being provided by Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount's AAF Training Command at the Ft. Worth Army Air Field, Texas. It is the first time in World War II, incidentally, that a new tactical type of aircraft was assigned the Training Command before it was engaged in operational training. Previously the first planes off the production line, aside from those required for test purposes, were sent to one of the training air forces in the continental United States.

## Jet-Propelled P-80 Clips Off 550 mph, Has Service Ceiling of Nearly 9 Miles

ADDITIONAL details of the first production-line AAF jet-propelled fighter—the P-80 Shooting Star—were revealed to the public last week with showings of the new plane, now moving swiftly toward combat operations against the Japanese.

Hurdling the 550 mph barrier, where efficiency of present conventional engine propeller combinations had begun to restrict airplane performance, "the AAF is at the bottom rung of a new ladder of progress that starts with the P-80," according to the Air Technical Service Command, Wright Field, O.

The Shooting Star, according to ATSC, will clip off 550 mph at any altitude and has a service ceiling of 45,000 ft.

The P-80 has a wing span of 39 ft

and an overall length of 34 ft 6 in. From the ground to the top of its rudder it measures 11 ft 4 in. Its total empty weight is only 8000 lb, although it has an armor glass windshield and steel armor all over the front bulkhead and the back of the pilot's seat.

Engine fuel is kerosene, preferable to gasoline because it provides more energy per gallon. This energy is transformed into "pounds of thrust," which is the term used in measuring jet power instead of the more familiar word—"horsepower." The engine can be completely removed and replaced in the airplane in 20 minutes instead of the usual 8 to 9 hours!

In addition, the elimination of the propeller, ignition system, carbureter, and

the complex propeller and engine controls of the conventional fighter plane simplifies manufacture and maintenance of the P-80 a hundredfold.

Lubrication of the P-80's jet engine is ridiculously simple—the shaft connecting the turbine wheel and the compressor impeller is the only moving part and requires oil at some half dozen bearings.

The jet plane operates at optimum fuel consumption at high speed in contrast with conventional fighters where best fuel economy is secured at reduced power and speed.

Contrary to the common impression the P-80 does not come in for a landing at blinding speeds, but rather glides on its approach at the same speeds as ordinary fighters and makes contact with the runway around 100 mph.

### Pilot's Visibility Improved

Since the engine is not located in the nose, the pilot's compartment is located well forward offering a notable improvement in visibility. The ship's battery guns are also packed in the nose which reduces gunfire dispersion.

In addition to smooth and easy flight the pilot gets another break in the P-80. It has a pressurized cabin. In the slender fuselage of the P-80, this was quite a problem. Some 14 valves, nuts and "muffs" had to be squeezed into an exceedingly small space. It's semi-conditioned too—the pilot can make it hot or cold to his liking.

The P-80 is well armed, with six .50 caliber guns compactly mounted in the nose, so as to get maximum fire concentration at any distance. The guns are mounted at the bottom of the nose to preclude the possibility of the pilot being bothered by gun flashes at night or on dark days. Mounting the guns above the ammunition boxes harnesses the force of gravity to aid ammunition feeding to the guns. The gun-sight is an electrical gyro lead computing type with reflex optical system.

## Predicts 3½ Million Pilots in 15 Years

America will have a minimum of 3,500,000 licensed private fliers by 1960. Progress made since 1929 continues at the same rate during the next 15 years, William A. Mara, Bendix Aviation Company staff executive in charge of development relating to the personal airplane, predicts.

Since 1929, when Civil Aeronautics Administration records listed only 412 licensed private pilots, the nation's roster of accredited personal plane pilots has climbed to 107,327 at the end of 1944, Mr. Mara's report revealed. This represented an increase of 2600 per cent in 15 years.

Mara emphasized that his forecast of 3,500,000 licensed private pilots by 1960 was "extremely conservative" when all factors which will tend to accelerate development are considered.

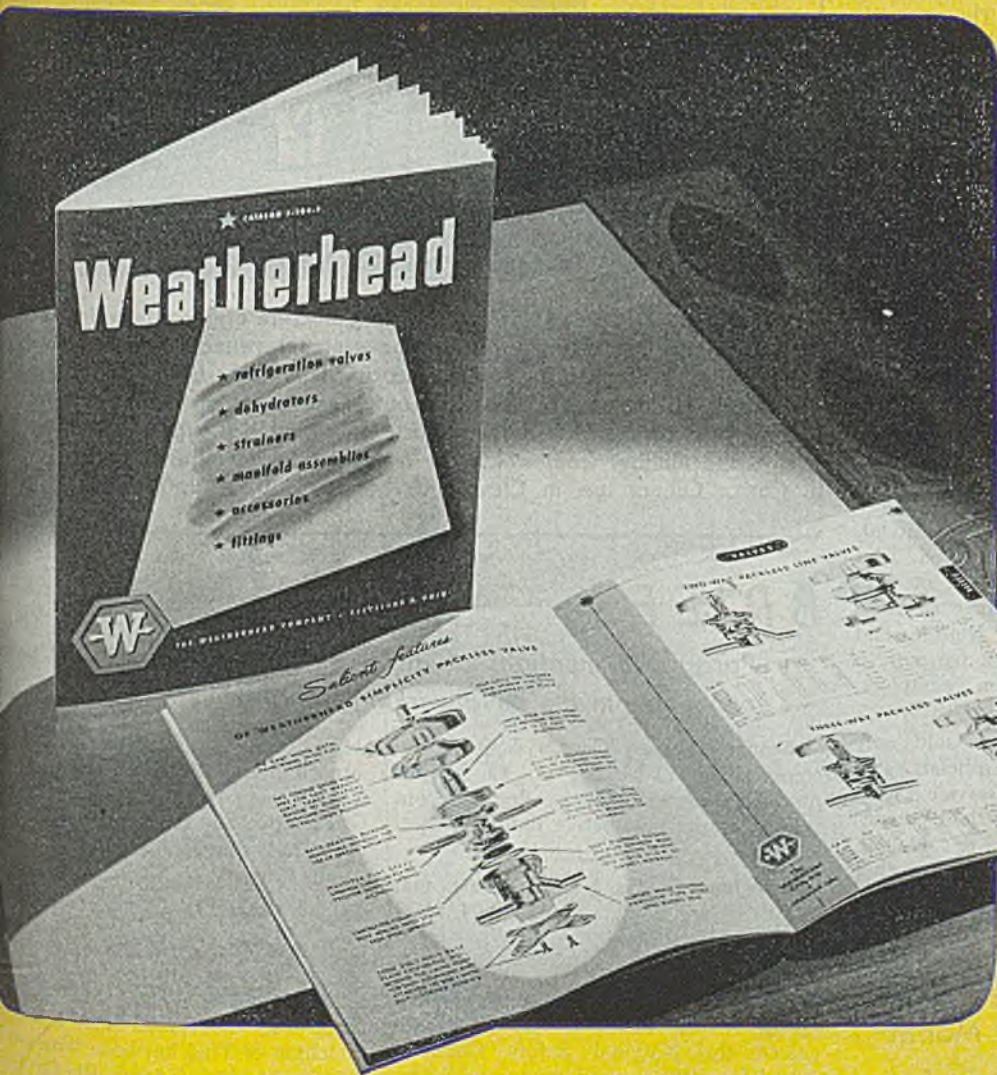


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# U. S. Steel Corp. Subsidiary Will Buy Pump Firm

*Acquisition will establish Oil Well Supply Co. as California manufacturer of oil field materials*

OIL WELL Supply Co., subsidiary of United States Steel Corp., New York, has announced its intention to exercise an option for purchase of Neilsen Pump Co., Long Beach, Calif. This acquisition will establish Oil Well Supply Co. as a California manufacturer of oil field materials.

In addition to its main plant facilities at Long Beach, Neilsen Pump Co. has a large shop and warehouse at Taft, Calif., and stores and sales offices at Bakersfield, Huntington Beach, and Ventura, Calif.

Under the projected purchase plan the Neilsen company's assets will be organized into the Neilsen Pump Division of Oil Well Supply Co. The Neilsen company, which manufactures subsurface pumps and accessories, will continue to emphasize field service and high quality products.

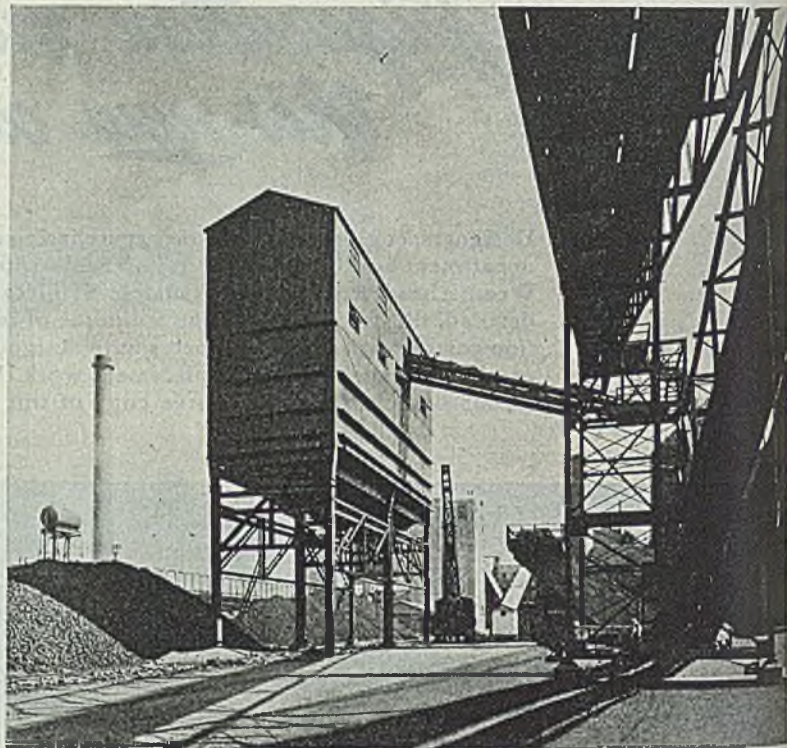
No significant changes in personnel or establishment are contemplated, according to Albert R. Zelt, vice president, Oil Well Supply Co., Dallas, Tex. Karl P. Neilsen will remain with the organization as general manager of Neilsen Pump Division. Mr. Neilsen and Edward D. Sports had been partners in ownership of the Neilsen company, which had been established in 1926.

Neilsen pumps have been sold only in California. Company officials said that as soon as adequate service facilities can be established and field personnel trained, distribution of Neilsen products will be inaugurated in other divisions of Oil Well Supply Co., both domestic and foreign.

## Group Collects 1000 Tons Of Heavy Scrap in Month

More than a thousand tons of heavy melting steel scrap were added to the nation's depleted supplies in a month by a volunteer businessmen's group in an upstate New York county.

The county, Ilion, was one of those whose volunteer Industrial Center Organization Committee had been remobilized to meet the threat of dangerously low supplies of heavy melting scrap. The Ilion county group collected 1000 tons of heavy melting steel and 67 tons of cast scrap.



**EXPANDED SLAG PLANT:** Lightweight Celocrete aggregate will be manufactured in this recently opened government-owned plant operated by Republic Steel Corp. in South Chicago, Ill. Shown here are the storage hopper, having a capacity for about 30 carloads of the expanded slag, and part of the conveyor system. The South Chicago plant brings to five the number from which the aggregate is merchandised by Celotex Corp. Others are in Cleveland, Buffalo, Pittsburgh and Troy, N. Y.

## BRIEFS . . . .

*Paragraph mentions of developments of interest and significance within the metalworking industry*

Bendix Aviation Corp.'s Eclipse Machine Division, Elmira, N. Y., is now producing starter drives needed in reconversion of the automotive industry.

Tate-Jones & Co. Inc. announces that its offices are now located at 804 Plaza building, Pittsburgh.

Fairbanks, Morse & Co.'s Pomona Pump Works, Pomona, Calif., has received the National Safety Council's award for distinguished service to safety.

Grinders & Fixtures Inc., Cleveland, has acquired from Cleveland Tool Engineering Co., Cleveland, all manufacturing rights to the latter company's two principal products, the circular relief grinder and universal indexing head.

Ward Leonard Electric Co., Mt. Vernon, N. Y., has appointed Wright Engineering Co., Indianapolis, as sales repre-

sentative in southern Indiana, southwestern Ohio and Kentucky.

Electric Air Heater Co., Mishawaka, Ind., has changed its name to Electric mode Corp.

Berger Machine & Mfg. Co., Cleveland, has taken over the production divisions, plants 2 and 3, of the Lorain Machine Tool Co., Cleveland. Plant 1 of Lorain Machine & Tool has been taken over by Grothe Machine Tool & Die Co., Cleveland, which has no connection with the Berger company.

Geometric Tool Co., New Haven, Conn., has appointed the following distributors in Michigan: B-H Tool & Supply Co., C. L. Gransden & Co., and Ray Co., Detroit; Gransden-Hall & Co., Flint; Grand Rapids Supply Co., Grand Rapids; C. E. Hamlin & Co., Jackson; Hoover Supply Co., Kalamazoo; Precision Tool

Supply Co., Lansing; Cutting Tools & Supply Co., Pontiac; and Port Huron Equipment Co., Port Huron.

American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp.'s stamping plant at Buffalo expand its production of civilian products in the postwar period. The firm is shifting its automatic furnace production from Elyria, O., to Buffalo.

Cooper-Bessemer Corp., Mt. Vernon, has named Northern Marine & Engine Co., Toronto, Canada, as its representative in Labrador and in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, Canada.

Federal Products Corp., Providence, R. I., manufacturer of precision measuring instruments has established a field engineering service department to cooperate with users of its instruments.

Sam Tour & Co. Inc., New York, metallurgists, have been certified by the New York State Department of Labor as best window cleaners' belt anchors in a program to make safe all such anchors in the state.

**AWARDS . . .**

The Army-Navy "E" award for excellence in manufacture of war materials has been given the following:

- Brook Hydraulic Corp., Bowling Green, O.
- Metallurgical Corp., Vascoloy-Ramet Co., Waukegan, Ill.
- Castings Drawn Steel Co., Spring City, Pa.
- Equipment Co. Ltd., Shell Plant Division, Hattiesburg, Miss.
- National Formetal Co., Cleveland.
- Steel & Mfg. Co., Chicago.
- Machine Mfg. Co., Rochester, N. Y.
- Machine Mfg. Co., Philadelphia.
- Standard Electric Time Co., Springfield, Mass.
- Compton, Kenly & Co., Chicago.
- Machine Screw Co., Cleveland.
- United States Rubber Co., Providence plant, Providence, R. I.
- Western Electric Co. Inc., Lincoln shops, Omaha, Nebr.
- Wilcox Mfg. Co., Mechanicsburg, Pa.

**Pittsburgh Firms Establish Export Sales Organization**

Formation of Pittsburgh International Corp. to handle export sales and distribution of products manufactured by Pittsburgh Equitable Meter Co., Pittsburgh, and its subsidiary, Merco-Nordstrom Valve Co., Pittsburgh, has been announced.

The new firm, whose offices will open Sept. 1 in 7701 Empire State Bldg., New York, will be directed by A. L. DiGiuliano, vice president. Prior to accepting this new position, Mr. DiGiuliano was chief, Foreign Communications Section, Office of Exports, Foreign Economic Administration, Washington. In operating the new export firm he will be assisted by George E. Doty, who has been asso-

ciated with the Oakland, Calif., plant of Merco-Nordstrom.

**J. & L. Expansion Plans Announced**

A \$12 MILLION tin plate expansion program is underway at Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.'s Aliquippa, Pa., works which will increase output 50 per cent.

The company's long-range program to increase production of finished steel items at all its plants will be accelerated considerably with installation of five-stand, four-high, 42-inch cold reduction mill, already ordered from Mesta Machine Co., West Homestead, Pa., and some auxiliary equipment at the Aliquippa works. These facilities are expected to be in operation within a year.

Production of cold-rolled sheets at its Pittsburgh plant will be increased 3000 tons to 33,000 tons per month by Sept. 1 through rearrangement of facilities. The 54-inch mill at Pittsburgh will continue to supply cold-reduced steel for tin plate as needed, but when the new 42-inch mill is installed, the 54-inch mill will be relieved of the necessity to roll tin mill coils for the Aliquippa works.

Company officials state that the new tandem mill ordered will operate at a

speed faster than any similar mill now in use in the industry.

Improvements at the wire mill at Aliquippa works have also been under way recently with installation of additional wire drawing blocks.

The company has also arranged for a \$3 million improvement program at the Otis works, Cleveland, where sheet capacity will be increased and quality control standardized with that of the output at the Pittsburgh works. This installation will get underway in February.

**New Alloy Steel Patented, Pittsburgh Firm Announces**

Alloys Development Co., Pittsburgh, has announced the award to the late Dr. Byramji D. Saklatwalla of U. S. Patent No. 2,378,437 covering a new high-strength, corrosion-resistant steel possessing ductility, toughness, and good welding properties.

The steel contains essentially: Carbon, 0.14 per cent maximum; manganese, 0.50 per cent maximum; phosphorus, 0.07-0.18 per cent; chromium, 0.25-1.5 per cent; nickel, 0.25-1.5 per cent; molybdenum, 0.07-0.60 per cent; and copper, 0.18-0.75 per cent. Being low in carbon and manganese, the steel promises to provide an effective outlet for "tri-alloy" scrap in the form of a structural steel suitable for welding, the firm says.



**IMPROVED PRODUCTION:** Four early model gages and precision instruments that revolutionized quality control of mass production were presented to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington by Louis Polk, left, president of the Sheffield Corp., Dayton, O. Questioning Mr. Polk about the gages are Dr. Alexander Wetmore, center, secretary, Smithsonian Institution, and Lt. Gen. L. H. Campbell, chief, Army Ordnance

# 1945 SPECIFICATION

Clean-cut specification written by AWS and ASTM for mild steel and low-alloy electrodes permits consumers to make rigid and complete demands on manufacturers. Guide to Classification and reiteration of rule specifying single assignment of grade numbers are worthwhile additions to data

TABLE I  
SUMMARY OF TEST REQUIREMENTS

Classification Number	Electrode Diameter, Inches	Current and Polarity	All-Weld-Metal Tension Test*	Usability Tests Guided-Bend Test††	Usability Tests Fillet-Weld Test*†
E4510	1/16 to 1/8†	N.S.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
	5/32 and 3/16		F	N.R.	N.R.
	7/32 and 1/4		N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
	5/16 and 3/8		N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
E4520	1/16 to 1/8†	N.S.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
	5/32 and 3/16		F	N.R.	N.R.
	7/32 and 1/4		N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
	5/16 and 3/8		N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
E6010 E7010	1/16 to 1/8†	dc, reversed polarity (electrode positive)	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
	5/32 and 3/16		F	V and OH	V and OH
	7/32 and 1/4		F	F	H
	5/16 and 3/8		F	F	N.R.
E6011 E7011	1/16 to 1/8†	ac, and dc, reversed polarity (electrode positive)	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
	5/32 and 3/16		F	V and OH	V and OH
	7/32 and 1/4		F	F	H
	5/16 and 3/8		F	F	N.R.
E6012 E7012	1/16 to 1/8†	dc, straight polarity (electrode negative) and ac	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
	5/32 and 3/16		F	V and OH	V and OH
	7/32 and 1/4		F	F	H
	5/16 and 3/8		F	F	N.R.
E6013	1/16 to 1/8†	ac and dc straight polarity (electrode negative)	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
	5/32 and 3/16		F	V and OH	V and OH
	7/32 and 1/4		F	F	H
	5/16 and 3/8		F	N.R.	N.R.
E6020 E7020	1/16 to 1/8†	dc straight polarity (electrode negative) and ac for H-fillets; dc either polarity or ac for flat position welding	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
	5/32 and 3/16		F	F	H
	7/32 and 1/4		F	F	H
	5/16 and 3/8		F	F	N.R.
E6030 E7030	1/16 to 1/8†	dc either polarity and ac	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
	5/32 and 3/16		F	F	N.R.
	7/32 and 1/4		F	F	N.R.
	5/16 and 3/8		F	F	N.R.
E8010 E9010 E10010	1/16 to 1/8†	dc reversed polarity (electrode positive)	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
	5/32 and 3/16		F	N.R.	N.R.
	5/32 and 3/16		F	N.R.	N.R.
	5/16 and 3/8		F	N.R.	N.R.
E8011 E9011 E10011	1/16 to 1/8†	ac and dc reversed polarity (electrode positive)	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
	5/32 and 3/16		F	N.P.	N.R.
	7/32 and 1/4		F	N.F.	N.R.
	5/16 and 3/8		F	N.R.	N.R.
E8012 E9012 E10012	1/16 to 1/8†	ac and dc straight polarity (electrode negative)	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
	5/32 and 3/16		F	N.R.	N.R.
	7/32 and 1/4		F	N.R.	N.R.
	5/16 and 3/8		F	N.R.	N.R.
E8020 E9020 E10020	1/16 to 1/8†	dc straight polarity (electrode negative) and ac for H-Fillets dc either polarity and ac for flat position welding	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
	5/32 and 3/16		F	N.R.	N.R.
	7/32 and 1/4		F	N.R.	N.R.
	5/16 and 3/8		F	N.R.	N.R.
E8030 E9030 E10030	1/16 to 1/8†	dc either polarity and ac	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
	5/32 and 3/16		F	N.R.	N.R.
	7/32 and 1/4		F	N.R.	N.R.
	5/16 and 3/8		F	N.R.	N.R.

\*—For the guided-bend and fillet-weld tests, the steel for the test assembly shall conform to either ASTM A7 or ASTM A70 steels. For testing electrodes of the E6010, E6011, E7010, and E7011 electrodes, one of the plates and backing strip of the guided-bend test assembly, and both plates of the fillet-weld test assembly shall be galvanized after edge preparation with a minimum coating of 2 oz. per sq. ft.

††—No stress-relieving shall be performed on guided-bend test assemblies or on the specimens removed therefrom.

N.S.—Not specified

N.R.—Not required

NOTWITHSTANDING the extreme pressure of wartime business activities the joint American Welding Society—American Society for Testing Materials Committee on Filler Metal has issued a complete revision of their specifications for iron and steel arc welding electrodes. Included in the latest set of tentative specifications are tests and procedures designed to plug loopholes in the previous descriptions, thereby still further guiding the small consumer of electrodes in purchasing electrodes suited to specific application needs.

Before undertaking a detailed analysis of new points given in the 1945 specification, two added features deserve mention. First, guided bend requirements have been introduced along with a definite statement that *electrodes classified under one classification shall not be classified under any other classification*. Guided bend tests, fillet weld tests, and the foregoing statement should combine to lift the fog of confusion that existed during 1943 and 1944, when too many electrodes were claimed to meet the requirements of classes E6010, E6011, E6012, and E6013 simultaneously. The letter of the specification was met with the intent of the specification was ignored. Now the 1945 statement and test program should resolve that electrode paradox.

## Electrode Classification Scheme

Second, and no less important, is the "Guide to AWS-ASTM Classification of Iron and Steel Arc Welding Electrodes." Here, in a condensed and logical exposition, is found the pattern underlying the electrode classification scheme, along with pertinent data covering chemistry, mechanical properties, coating composition, amperage, and voltage values and important code approvals. The guide gives data parallel to that reported by Harold Lawrence in STEEL, March 6 to April 24, 1944.

This analytical review of the changes made in AWS-ASTM A233 will be divided into two parts: Part I will cover new features of the specification; and Part 2 will discuss the appended guide to electrode classification. Interested

# OR Metallic Arc Welding Electrodes

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strength, ductility and welding positions, modified somewhat by types of current, i.e., alternating or direct current, the new approach retains the old requirements and adds specific usability tests evaluated by the guided-bend and fillet-weld tests.

The guided-bend test uses a hot-dip galvanized coating of 2 oz per sq ft minimum weight for one of the two test pieces and for the backing strip for E6010, E6011, E7010, and E7011 electrodes. By this means, the shallow penetrating electrodes of the E6012, E6013, and E7012 are screened out as the softer arc does not permit proper bonding through the galvanized coating. Particulars of the new requirements are reported in Table I.

The fillet weld test separates electrode groups according to fillet profile among the essentially flat, concave, and convex arrangements.

### Test Procedures

All-weld-metal tension test specimens are universally prepared in the flat position. Guided-bend tests for all-position electrodes—remembering that the term “all-position” signifies ability to deposit weld metal in the flat, horizontal fillet, vertical and overhead positions—are mandatory in the vertical and overhead positions for  $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. and  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. diameters. No vertical or overhead welding is recommended with diameters greater than  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. The larger diameters of all-position groups and all tested diameters of the flat posi-

to exercise rigid control over the analyses of deposited weld metal. An overall balance of carbon, manganese, phosphorus, sulphur, and silicon is essential to freedom from cracks, porosity and surface holes. Individual elements can be varied according to the ideas of the electrode designer as long as the final combination produces satisfactory weld metal.

Whereas the previous specification permitted classification of electrodes on the primary considerations of tensile

users are urged to get copies of the new specification from either of the sponsoring agencies.

Electrodes are classified in a related way combining the ultimate tensile strength of the deposited weld metal and the usability characteristics of the electrodes. Thus the grade number reflects the tensile strength of an all-weld metal 0.505 tensile specimen prepared by a controlled procedure together with reference to the type of current and welding positions established by the coating composition, with a still further subdivision for ductility and penetration factors. The classification and guide combine to make the whole plan exceedingly simple.

A reiteration of the rule specifying one grade rather than multiple assignment of electrode numbers is worthwhile. Although it is true that an E6011 electrode will satisfy all of the physical require-

ments of the four grades E6010, E6011, E6012, and E6013, certain operating characteristics will be sacrificed if a shop adopts one type where use for all four grades may exist. In this example, the simplicity of inventories will be attained at the expense of increased labor and material costs, for E6011 electrodes are used in many applications than E6012 electrodes, while the E6011 and E6013 grades are more expensive than the E6010 and E6012 types. Cost considerations are explained in detail in the book on *Metallic Arc Welding Electrodes* published by STEEL.

In 1943 AWS-ASTM A233 placed a restriction of 0.04 per cent maximum on sulphur, while the new revision removes restrictions on the deposit chemistry. This move appears to be well taken, as the producers of arc welding electrodes are forced by application considerations

TABLE II  
REQUIREMENTS FOR PREPARATION OF FILLET WELD TEST ASSEMBLIES

Electrode Classification Number	Diameter, Inches	Thickness (T)	Plate Size Width (W)	Length (L)	Position of Welding	Fillet Size, Inches
E6010	1/16 to 1/8†	N.R.*	..	..	..	..
E6011	5/32	1/4	3	12	V and OH	3/16 max.
	3/16	3/8	3	18	V and OH	1/4 max.
E7010	7/32	3/8	3	18	H	5/16 max.
	1/4	1/2	3	18	H	5/16 max.
E7011	5/16 and 3/8	N.R.	..	..	..	..
E6012	1/16 to 1/8†	N.R.	..	..	..	..
	5/32	1/4	3	12	V and OH	1/4 max.
E7012	3/16	3/8	3	18	V and OH	5/16 max.
	7/32	3/8	3	18	H	1/4 max.
	1/4	1/2	3	18	H	5/16 max.
E6013	5/16 and 3/8	N.R.	..	..	..	..
	1/16 to 1/8†	N.R.	..	..	..	..
E6020	5/32	1/4	3	12	V and OH	1/4 max.
	3/16	3/8	3	18	V and OH	5/16 max.
	7/32	3/8	3	18	H	1/4 max.
	1/4	1/2	3	18	H	5/16 max.
	5/16 and 3/8	N.R.	..	..	..	..
E7020	1/16 to 1/8†	N.R.	..	..	..	..
	5/32	3/8	3	18	H	5/32 min.
	3/16	3/8	3	18	H	3/16 min.
	7/32	3/8	3	18	H	1/4 min.
E7030	1/4	1/2	3	18	H	5/16 min.
	5/16 and 3/8	N.R.	..	..	..	..
E6030	N.R.	..	..	..	..	..
E7030	N.R.	..	..	..	..	..

†—Inclusive

\*N.R.—Not required.

tion groups are evaluated by means of guided bend tests made in flat position.

Fillet-weld tests follow a similar pattern. All position electrodes are examined in the vertical and overhead positions. The 7/32 and 1/4-in. diameters of the E6010, E7010, E6011, E7011, E6012, E7012, E6013, E6020, and E7020 classes have to deliver acceptable fillet dimensions in the horizontal fillet position as do the 5/32 and 3/8-in. electrodes of classes E6020 and E7020. The E6030 and E7030 groups, logically enough, have no fillet weld test requirements.

Electrodes of the E80, E90, and E100 series are tested by means of all weld metal tension tests only. Even though these alloy electrodes are used in all positions, following an identification scheme similar to that used with the E60 and E70 groups, no guided bend tests or fillet weld tests have been specified.

### Testing Methods Improved

All weld metal tension tests cover the 5/32-in. and larger diameters. The 1/8-in. diameter, which formerly necessitated the use of a sub-size tensile specimen, is no longer subject to tension tests. This is an improved approach towards electrode testing, as the smaller diameters consistently give higher tensile strengths along with quite adequate ductilities. Although the 1/8-in. diameter may be used for work where mechanical properties are quite important, the smaller diameters are often restricted to sheet metal work, where little emphasis is placed on mechanical properties. It is appreciated, of course, that small diameter electrodes are selected for aircraft welding, where physical properties are of paramount importance. Here the excellent record established by the E6013 electrode types, notwithstanding the fact that this group is not generally considered to be a quality class, speaks well for the good balance of tensile strength and ductilities that obtains when light gage metal is joined with suitable small diameter electrodes. No change has been made in the tension test procedure over that used in the preceding specification, other than the elimination of the requirements for the 1/8-in. size.

The guided bend usability test must be carried out with each type of current,

## SELECTING WELDING ELECTRODES

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where both alternating and direct current are applicable to the electrode class being tested. Likewise with direct current, both polarities must be used for testing when an electrode is claimed to be acceptable with either straight or reverse polarity.

In the guided bend test, the only temperature specification is that the test assembly should be between 60° and 100° F at the time the first pass is started. No limitations are placed upon interpass temperature, as is the case with the tension test procedure.

Bend tests now include side bends, which are designed to evaluate the quality of deposit from 7/32-in. and larger electrodes. The side bends, as is true of the face bends and root bends, are tested in the standard jig familiar to the welding fraternity. All bend tests are made with the weld and plate metal in the as-welded condition. Specifically, this means that no stress relieving is to be done on the welded assembly or on the specimens cut therefrom. Again, as was true of some of the preceding tests, electrodes of 1/8 to 1/4-in. diameters inclusive need not be tested by means of the guided bend test, but instead performance of these sizes shall be considered acceptable, based upon the test

results of the 5/32-in. electrodes in the same group.

Fillet weld usability tests have essentially the same requirements as the guided-bend tests, calling for all current and polarity combinations the particular classification is intended to satisfy. Table II are given complete details for making the fillet weld test assemblies. These include dimensions of the plates, positions of welding, and size of fillet weld.

The fillet weld test is severe because the vertical and horizontal plates are put together in a tight fit. This procedure allows virtually no opportunity for the joint to give and will intentionally be conducive to cracks when the second of the two fillets is deposited.

Complete procedure details state that vertical welding is to be done in an upward direction. This requirement follows normal good practice in the field. To prove the quality of electrodes under these conditions, the first electrode applied making the fillet weld must be used to its full length, allowing the usual end loss of no more than 2 in. Thus, a tendency of electrode performance to deteriorate as the last portion of the electrode is consumed becomes involved in the evaluation. Each electrode should be burned to as short a stub length as will be allowed by the plate assembly dimensions.

### Examination After Sectioning

Another stringent feature of this is that temperature limitation before welding is begun on the second side, suggesting room temperature cooling before the second weld is deposited. Maximum stress is built up from the first

Upon completion of the fillet weld, both sides are examined for cracks and other defects. Following this examination which permits no defects, the assembly is sectioned at a point approximately 1 in. back from the crater end of the deposit made with the first electrode on the side of the joint. Either face is polished and etched to ascertain defect quality. The same specimen is scrubbed to check the limits on the leg length convexity.

Both legs of the fillet weld must be

TABLE III  
ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCES AMONG BASIC ELECTRODE TYPES

	E6010	E6011	E6012	E6013	E6020-E6030
Welding Positions	All	All	All	All	Flat-Horizontal Fillet
Type of Arc	Deeply penetrating, forceful, spray type	Deeply penetrating, forceful, spray type	Medium penetrating, quiet, slight spatter	Shallow penetrating, quiet, very stable, slight spatter	Medium to deep penetrating, spray type
Type of Slag	Thin, friable, readily removed, may cover incompletely	Thin, friable, readily removed, may cover incompletely	Dense, covers completely	Dense, readily removed	Heavy, honeycombed, covers completely, easily removed.
Fillet Weld Profile	Flat	Flat	Convex	Convex	Flat to Concave
Type of Coating	Cellulosic	Cellulosic	Titania	Titania	Mineral
Weld on Galvanized Steel	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	Yes
X-ray Quality	Good	Good	Poor to Fair	Poor to Good	Excellent
Current	dc only	ac and dc	ac and dc	ac and dc	ac and dc
Polarity	Reverse only	Reverse preferred	Straight preferred	Straight preferred	Straight or Reverse

equal length within  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in., while the maximum allowable convexity is established for each size of weld. Penetration must reach the junction of the plate edges and extend beyond. No cracking is permitted, while the fillets must be reasonably free from undercut, trapped slag and porosity. The term "reasonably free" is apt to lead to some interpretative difficulties where inspectors and producers had difficulty in setting limits for this terminology. Fortunately, the quality of modern electrodes combined with the high application skills developed in recent years should enable the production of acceptable fillets meeting the spirit of the specification. Re-test is permitted if the first specimen fails. Fillet weld tests are made in the 5/32 to  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. diameters inclusive. No tests are made of either the smaller or larger electrode sizes.

#### Variations In Dimensions

A change in the permissible variations in dimensions has been effected. Previously, electrodes were required to meet standard lengths plus or minus  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. The new requirement permits a deviation of plus or minus  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in., which is reasonable enough as a difference of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. in electrode lengths, assuming that the maximum variations in lengths occur, will not adversely effect welding performance from the diameter length relationships that are set up are followed.

The former specification stated that the covering shall have sufficient electrical resistance to effectively insulate against a difference of potential of 100 volts. The discussion of this point adds "60 cycles alternating current."

Considering next the guide to AWS-ASTM classification of iron and steel arc welding electrodes, it is learned that this portion of the new specification has been placed as an appendix, consisting of seven

parts. Part I is an introduction to the subject, while Parts II to VII inclusive give the primary features of the following grades: E6010, E6011, E6012, E6013, E6020, and E6030.

The details of the introduction to the 1945 specification follow in general the description given in STEEL, March 6, 1944. The introduction explains carefully the need for a complete description of operating characteristics to go hand in hand with the physical property and current data previously used as the keystone on which the classification was built.

Parts II through VII inclusive give essential data supplementing the physical property, current and welding position characteristics described in the specification proper. These salient features are tabulated in Table III to show at a quick glance the essential differences among basic electrode types.

It will be seen that welding positions, type of arc, type of slag, fillet weld profile, type of coating, ability to weld on galvanized steel, X-ray quality, current, and polarity are the indexes to electrode type classification.

In addition to the class name given to the type of coating in Table III, the specifications go on in greater detail to include the primary constituents of the coating, and describe the type of core wire.

The quality of the deposit is explained in relationship to the type of material that may be welded with each class of electrodes. For E6010 electrodes, for example, reference is made to two coating thicknesses that may be used in the  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. diameter, although present-day practice has practically adopted one coating thickness for all work. Differentiating performance in the vertical and overhead position from that in the flat and horizontal fillet position, the description

of E6010 electrodes points this out by stating that the larger volume of  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. E6010 electrodes are produced with the thinner coating.

Each part gives suggested ranges of current and voltage. Although the ranges presented are narrower than those found in previous literature, they may be too broad for work of the very highest caliber.

#### Detailed Specifications Listed

The specification proper lists the desired physical properties of the deposited weld metal, while the appendix outlines for each type the anticipated tensile strength, yield strength, elongation, reduction of area, impact resistance, endurance limit, density, and brinell hardness.

A description of the chemical analysis of deposit is given in the appendix, since no chemical requirements now are shown in the specification itself.

Included with each summary of specific electrode classes is a comprehensive list of specification and code approvals. To make this information available in a more convenient form, such approvals are tabulated in Table IV.

The American Welding Society and the American Society for Testing Materials deserve congratulations for writing a good clean-cut specification for mild steel and low alloy electrodes. In a sense, this is a purchaser's specification in that it permits the consumers of electrodes to make quite rigid and complete demands upon the manufacturers. The comprehensive test program outlined might put a burden on a producer of electrodes if he were not regularly engaged in checking the quality of his product. If the new specification and appendix are used intelligently, purchase of any specific grade assures the consumer of getting precisely the type of welding performance he desires.

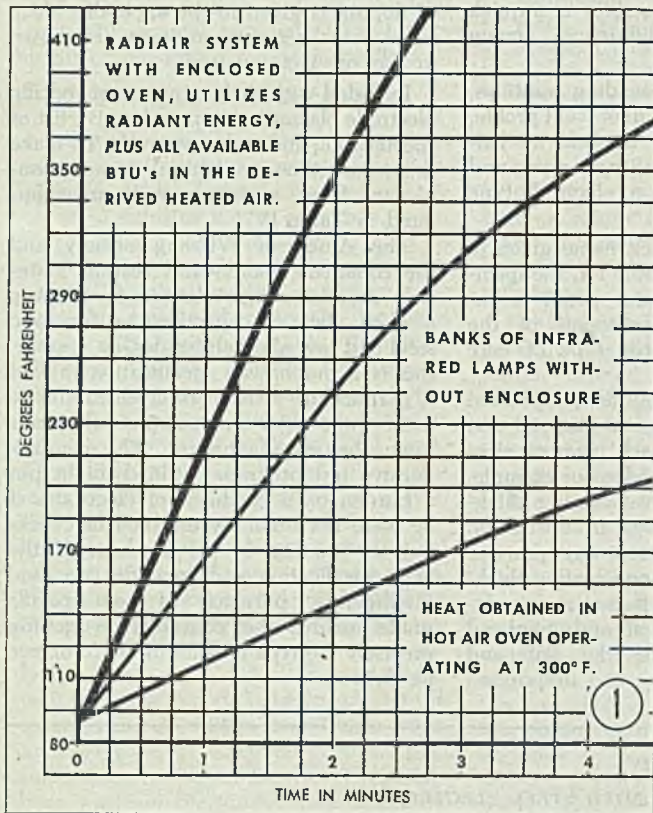
TABLE IV

#### SPECIFICATION APPROVALS FOR MILD STEEL ELECTRODES

Specification	E6010 57-203 Type I, Class A	E6011	E6012 57-203 Type I, Class B	E6013	E6020-E6030 57-203 Type I, Class C
U. S. Army					
Army Navy Aeronautical	AN-E-9, Class B		AN-E-9, Class A	AN-E, Class A	
American Bureau of Shipping	Approved	Approved	Approved with certain exceptions	Approved with certain exceptions	Approved
ASME Code for Unfired Pressure Vessels	W-520	W-520			W-520
ASME Code for Unfired Pressure Vessels	U68, U69, U70	U68, U69, U70	U69, U70	U69, U70	U68, U69, U70
Navy Dept. Bureau	46E3 (Int) Grade I Classes 1, 2, 3	46E3 (Int) Grade III Classes 1, 2, 3			46E3 (Int)* Grade II, Classes 2, 3
Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co.	Approved	Approved			Approved
Lloyd's Register of Shipping	Section 4 Paragraphs 1 and 9	Section 4 Paragraphs 1 and 9	Section 4 Paragraphs 1 to 8, incl.	Section 4 Paragraphs 1 to 8, incl.	Section 4 Paragraphs 1 and 9
U. S. Coast Guard	Approved	Approved	Approved with certain exceptions	Approved with certain exceptions	Approved
British Corporation Register of Shipping and Aircraft	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved
Building Codes of New York City, Pittsburgh, and many other municipalities	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved

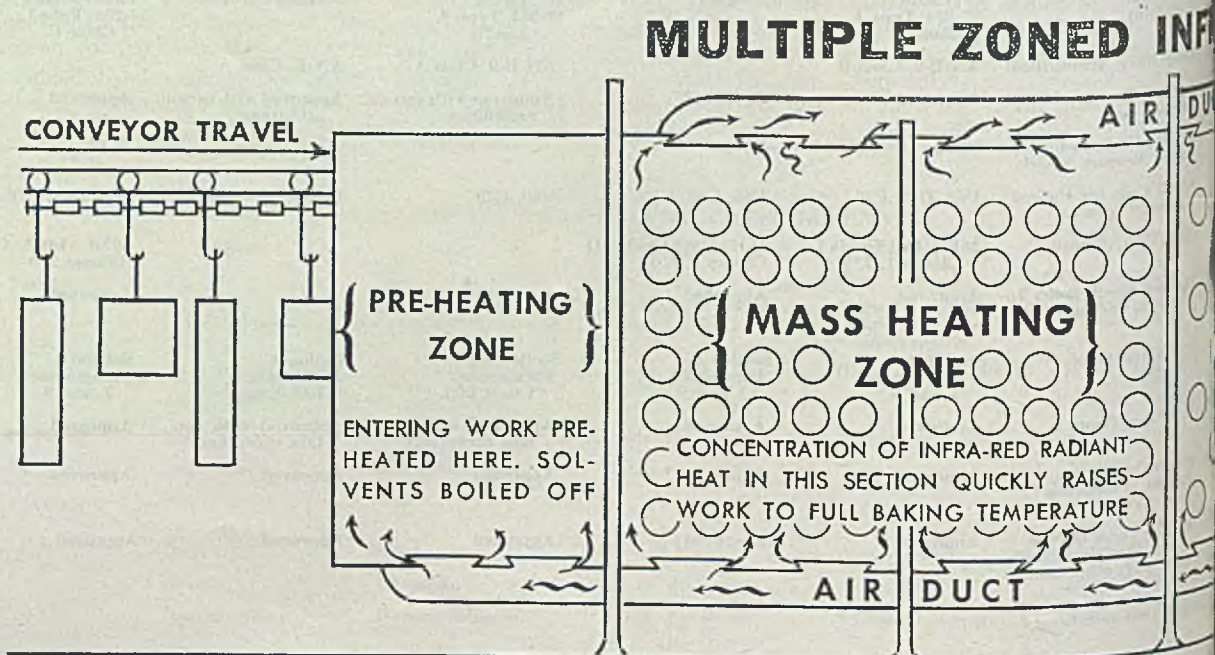
E6020 does not meet Class 2

# How to Get the Most from... **INFRA-RED HEATING- DRYING- BAKING-**



Properly applied, infra-red lamp equipment affords important advantages in speed and economy in baking finishes on metal parts; in drying them after cleaning, plating or other operations; in heating them for expanding for easy assembly and proper fit. Future of infra-red lies in realm of lower operating costs. Power consumption on one paint baking job was reduced from 600 to 278 kw, indicating possibilities in expanding range of application by cutting operating costs. Another installation triples output, saves \$2880 monthly in floor space released for other operations in the plant

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**ECONOMIES** of infra-red radiant heating vs. other heating systems cannot be made apparent on a basis of ratings Btu's. The user of a properly engineered infra-red installation will find that advantages making it a real cost-saver include greatly increased production; lower equipment, installation and maintenance costs; greater flexibility and ease of control; reduced rejects; smaller size requirements; added safety and reliability, points out T. P. Cusack Jr., manager of the Radiant Heat Division, M. Hall Lamp Co., Detroit. He emphasizes that the difference between low and high costs depends upon the correct engineering approach to the application of infra-red heat, which he proceeds to explain as follows:

The wide publicity attending the success of some of the first infra-red heating applications for drying and baking in the automobile industry gave prospective users the impression that all that was required was to obtain a number of infra-red lamps and reflectors, mount them on a rack and put the work to be baked between two such racks. While an arrangement

of this type unquestionably often fulfilled the requirements of the job at hand, as far as heating was concerned, the results were not all that would be desired and were frequently inconsistent due to varying operating conditions.

Such wrong impressions have done much to limit unduly the growth and application of infra-red heating. Because it was not thoroughly understood when first utilized, infra-red heating was believed to produce high speeds in drying and baking finishes on metal parts by heating from the "inside out". Investigations have now proved this conception of infra-red heating to be erroneous.

Instead of requiring an entirely different and separate oven for each kind of article to be heated, Mr. Cusack points out that thin and thick parts of different sizes and shapes, light and dark colored finishes and different metals can all be handled in the same unit when properly engineered.

But before investigating these and other factors affecting efficiency and operating costs, let's first see what infra-red is and how it works.

**Infra-Red Is Heat:** Instead of infra-red heating possessing some "magic" quality that makes it different from other methods of heating, actually it is a simple and easily understood method of delivering Btu's to the work.

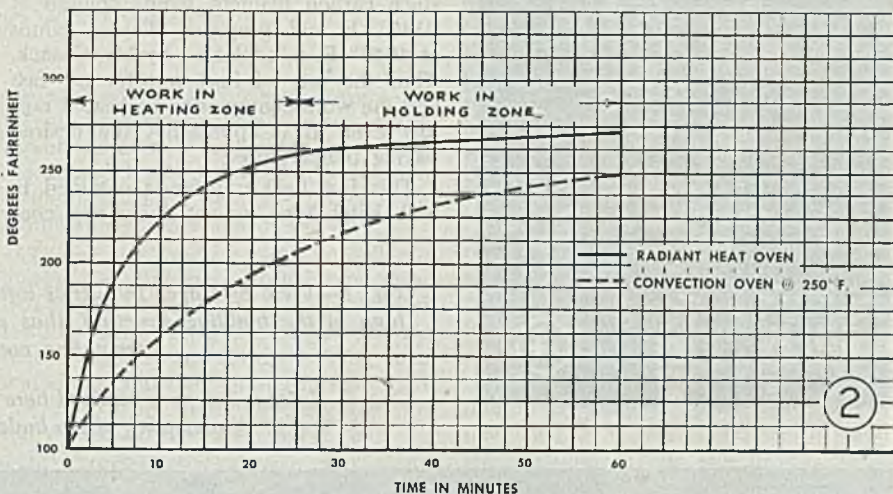
Infra-red lamps are a special type, designed so that most of their energy output is in the infra-red region of the spectrum, just below that of visible light. While light also is produced by an infra-red lamp, the largest proportion of energy output is in the form of radiant heat. Of course, no physical heat is produced until the radiant energy strikes a surface that absorbs it. To use such lamps efficiently, it is necessary to understand the mechanics of heating.

There are three principal methods of transferring heat. **CONDUCTION:** Here molecular activity transmits the heat energy through a given mass at a given rate characteristic of the particular material. **CONVECTION:** In this case, the heat is transferred by a moving medium such as air, water or steam. **RADIATION:** Here the heat travels in wave-like emanations through space in

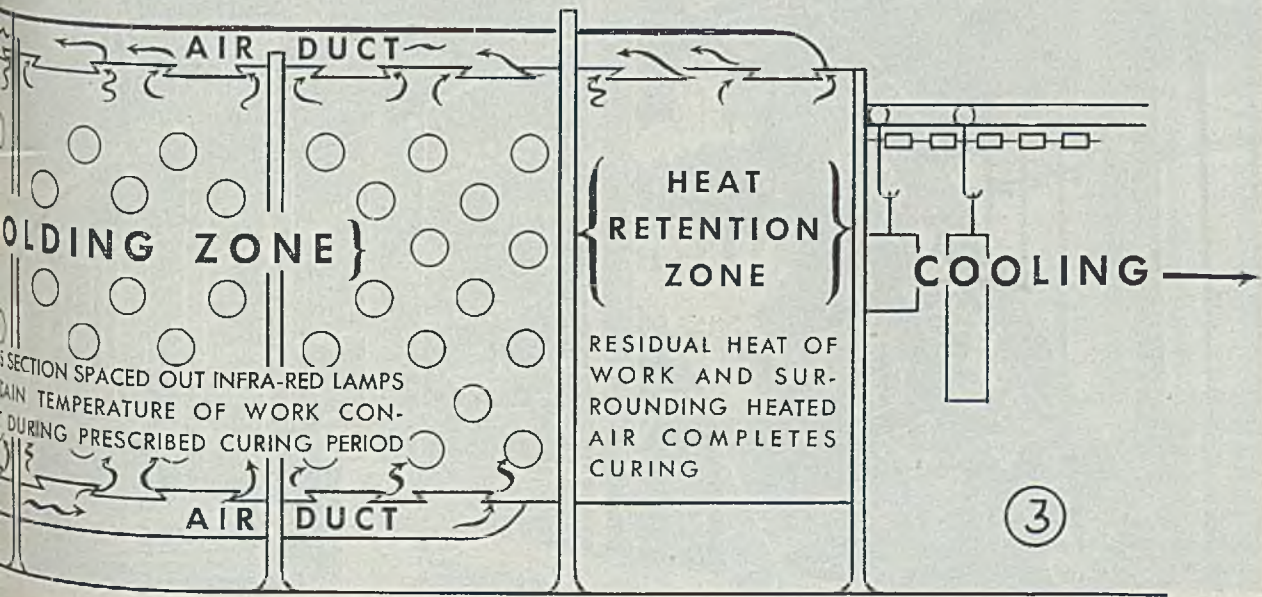
Fig. 1—Comparison of rates of heating a 0.095-in. thick steel panel show speed of open type banks of infra-red units and still greater speed when properly enclosed by a housing

Fig. 2—Demonstrating how "heating" and "holding" divide baking into two parts in a radiant oven. Curves also show how same overall heating effect, same area under the curve, can be obtained so rapidly by infra-red

Fig. 3—Typical 4-zone infra-red oven for baking normal synthetic enamel finishes



## HEATING SYSTEM





much the same manner as visible light or magnetic forces. In correctly designed infra-red equipment, each of these methods of heat transfer must be scientifically accounted for, since all three are involved in varying degrees in any heating problem and thus affect heating efficiency.

**Why Infra-Red Is Fast:** Rate of heat transfer—whether by conduction, convection or radiation—depends upon the difference in temperature between the heat source and the work. In a conventional convection oven, the work is heated by air which may be only a few degrees hotter than the desired temperature of the work. Result is that as the work comes up to temperature, the rate of heat transfer slows down and practically stops as work reaches air temperature.

For this reason, a considerable period of time is usually required in a convection oven for baking metal finishes, several hours not being uncommon.

On the other hand, when heating with infra-red, the heat source is several thousand degrees hotter than the work, even after the work has reached ordinary baking temperatures of 200-300° F since carbon filament lamps operate at 3140° F and tungsten filament lamps at 4040° F, as explained by Mr. Cusack. Thus the rate of heat transfer is fast and the work continues to be heated rapidly even as it approaches the desired baking temperature.

This fast heat transfer is obtained in both batch type radiant ovens and con-

veyorized radiant heating systems. In this inherently rapid rate of heat transfer that accounts for the unusual high outputs of work obtained in properly engineered radiant heating installations.

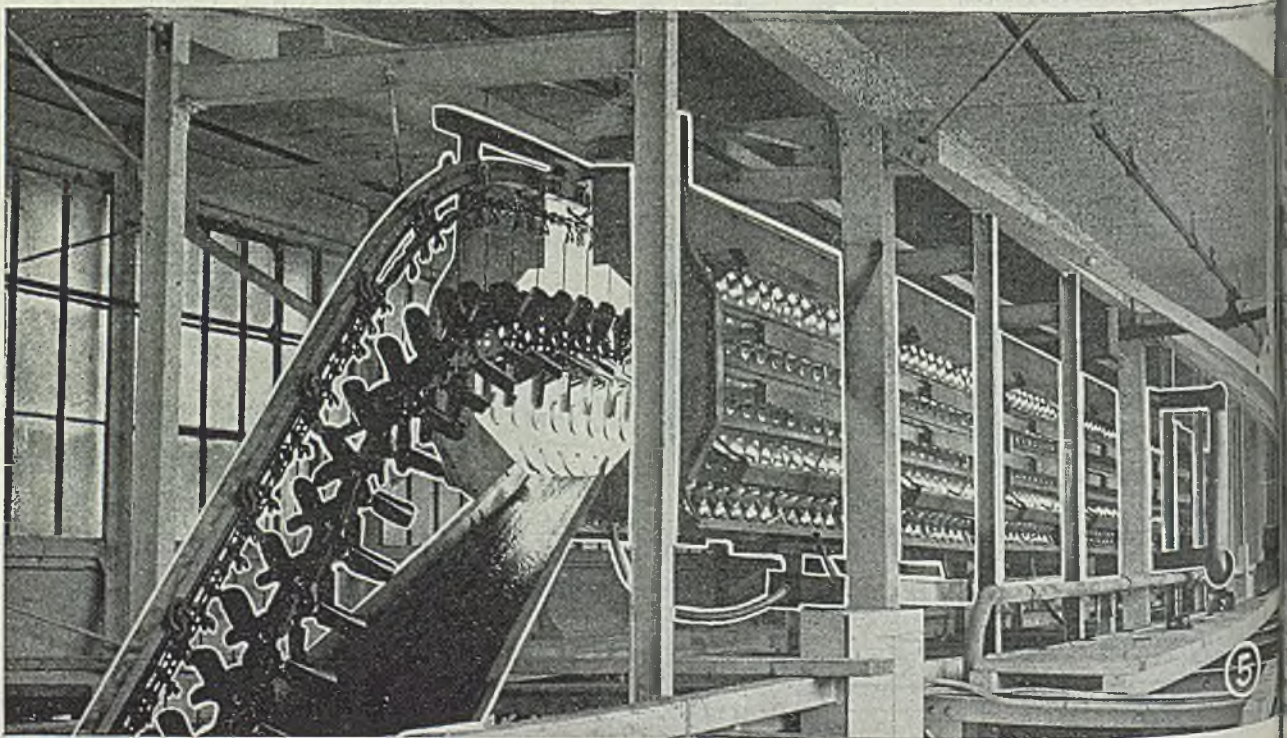
At the same time there are certain phases of heat engineering that must be understood and applied for proper utilization of infra-red heating, Mr. Cusack points out. The first principle is that heat is developed at the point where the radiant energy is intercepted, that is, at the work surface. This heat, in turn, is then conducted through the mass of the part being heated.

For efficient operation every reasonable method should be utilized to prevent loss of surface heat. Certainly a large proportion of this surface heat is lost when work is hung between the open banks of infra-red lamps, because the hot work surface heats surrounding air. Not being confined, the heated air creates natural convection currents that conduct a great number of precious Btu's away from the work.

"Right here is the opportunity to increase the efficiency of an infra-red system," says Mr. Cusack, who adds, "a properly engineered installation, where air surrounding the work can be kept at or near the desired work temperature by enclosing the entire system in a housing which prevents loss of valuable heated air. Such an enclosure increases overall operating efficiency as much as 50 per cent. The importance of maintaining properly elevated air temperatures in radiant heating ovens thus becomes

*Fig. 4—View of Hayes Industries infra-red oven shows how it was mounted high in the building structure, thus saves \$2880 monthly in floor space; at same time, output was tripled*

*Fig. 5—Infra-red oven is outlined here to show how it was fitted into structural framework of the building at Hayes Industries*



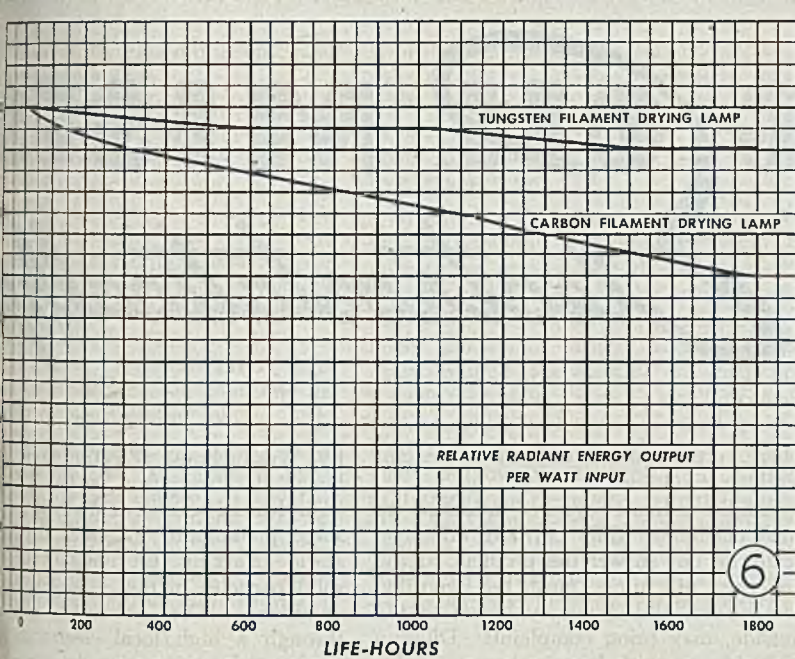


Fig. 6—Per cent efficiency (ratio of energy output to input) for tungsten and carbon filament lamps. These curves show why tungsten lamps are preferred by many engineers

Fig. 7—Dip tank, too, is mounted overhead in the building structure as shown here. Conveyor line carries work through tank

Fig. 1 illustrates the advantage of infra-red oven enclosures. In an oven enclosure will result in the heated air rising to the top and being trapped there, cause stratification of air at bottom, warm air in center, and cool air at top). This in turn causes uneven heating, so stratification must be prevented by proper circulation of the air in the oven—exhausting air at the top and returning it at the bottom through ductwork to get uniform distribution. One such change of air per minute will increase oven efficiency 15 per cent, reports Mr. Cusack.

Not merely preventing loss of heated air will not insure efficient drying, for the air will not do the job. Some means must be provided to take out the vapors which otherwise would pollute the oven atmosphere and prevent drying. This is done by continuously exhausting a certain percentage of the air recirculated in the oven and replacing it with clean air.

**Multiple Zone Ovens:** Most economical use of radiant energy involves at least two zones—a heating zone and a holding zone. These are inherently separated sections because the work to be done in them is different. In the first zone the job is essentially a mass heating operation bringing the mass up to the required temperature. In the second zone, radiant energy is applied to the work in sufficient concentration to maintain the temperature developed in the mass during operation. Thus, the first zone is primarily a heating section; the second, a holding section.

Fig. 2 illustrates diagrammatically these different operations and how they are done in a radiant energy oven in

comparison with a convection oven. It is evident that the same paint baking conditions (same area under the curve) are obtained with infra-red in a fraction of the time, simply because required work temperatures are reached sooner.

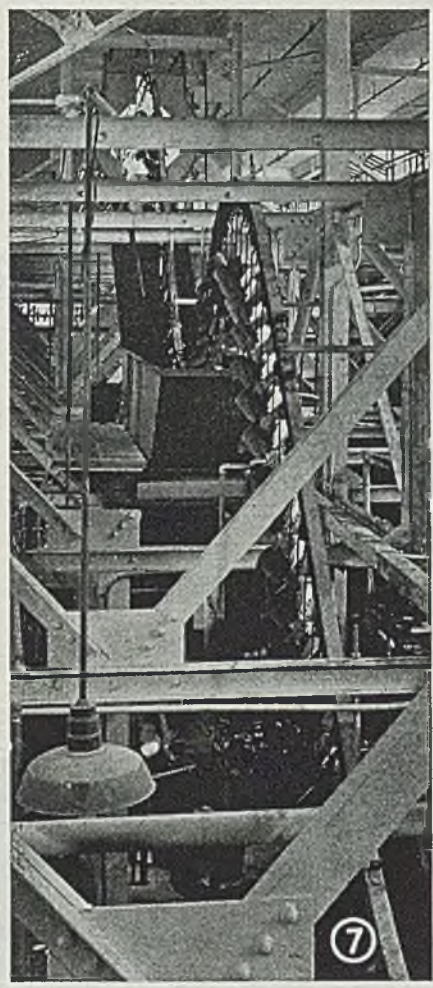
Therefore to reduce costs, a well engineered continuous conveyor type oven will employ at least two zones (1) a mass heating zone where lamps are closely spaced together and (2) the holding zone where the lamps are spaced farther apart . . . and many units are designed with four zones as illustrated in Fig. 3.

In a typical 4-zone oven for baking normal synthetic enamel, see Fig. 3, the first or entering section is a preheating zone utilizing hot exhaust air. No infra-red lamps are used in this portion of the oven. Preheating zone fills a two-fold purpose—preheating entering work, thereby increasing overall thermal efficiency; and boiling off the highly volatile solvents.

Next, entering the mass heating zone with its concentration of infra-red lamps quickly raises work to full baking temperature. In third or holding zone, spacing out the lamps maintains temperature of work constant during prescribed curing period while heat is distributed by conduction throughout the entire mass of the parts being finished.

In the fourth or heat retention zone, no lamps are employed and the residual heat of the work and surrounding heated air completes the curing of the finish. Into this fourth zone is added the make-up air which is warmed by the residual heat of the work. Circulation of air through such a system is also diagrammed in Fig. 3.

Zone arrangement can be modified as



required. For example, in the baking of certain wrinkle finishes the low-heat zone comes ahead of the high-heat zone, just the reverse of that in Fig. 3.

Since the length of time the work remains in any particular zone is a function of the conveyor speed and length of that zone, it is easy to design an infra-red oven for almost any heating cycle required.

**Proper Design Cuts Operating Costs:** There are a number of important factors entering into the design of a radiant oven in addition to those already mentioned (enclosure, recirculation, ventilation, zoning, proper heat cycle, etc.). It is vital that the influence of every factor entering into the efficiency of the installation be understood if the energy consumed is to be utilized to the greatest advantage. Proper consideration and balancing of these various factors has made possible some remarkable economies.

As an example of what can be achieved, one job originally estimated to consume 600 kw, through skillful engineering actually was made to operate at a power consumption of only 278 kw. That is what is meant in the previous reference to the fact that the future of infra-red depends upon the economies which can be effected by proper infra-red engineering and design. It's that kind of economies to which Mr. Cusack refers.

Infra-Red Source: Mr. Cusack pre- (Please turn to Page 148)

# COLLECTING OIL MISTS

## Electrostatically

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OIL smoke and mist arising from closely-packed batteries of high-speed grinding machines, such as thread grinders and gear grinders, can prove to be both a nuisance and distinct maintenance hazard.

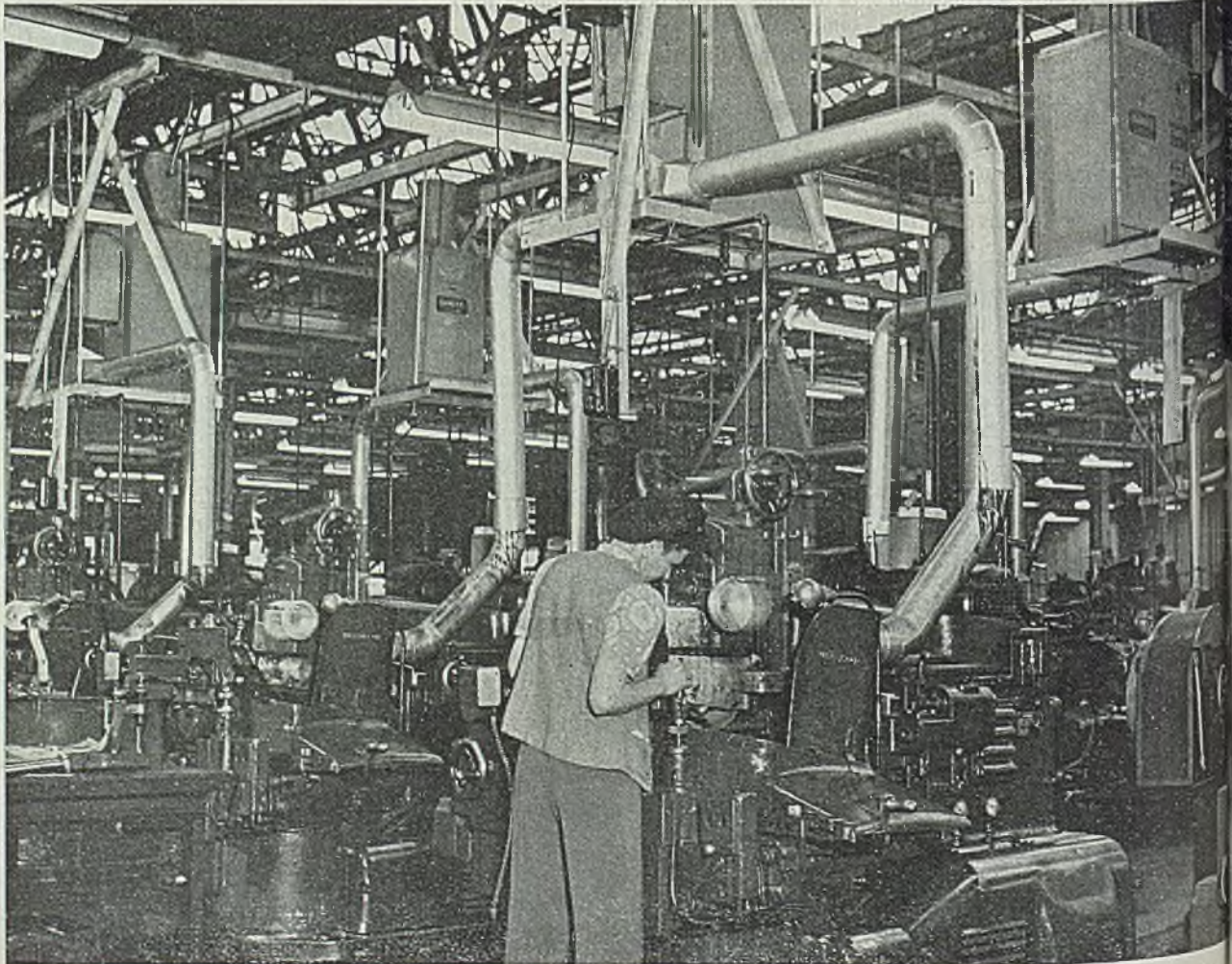
The fine mist, resulting from the breaking up of particles of cutting oil, rises from machines and settles on overhead lighting equipment, roof trusses, bus ducts and other equipment, and at the same time fogs the surrounding atmo-

sphere, often contributing to unpleasant working conditions.

Simple exhaust systems attached to such machines, while partially effective, really do not answer the problem, as the collected oil fumes must be deposited somewhere, and if merely blown to the outside, may bring complaints. Dilution of inside air with large volumes of outside air likewise is not satisfactory, because of the expense involved in blowing equipment as well as in heat loss in winter, plus the fact outside air itself is usually contaminated to a degree in industrial districts.

One solution which has been tried and found suitable is the installation of Precipitrons in exhaust ducts leading from machines where oil mists originate. Although it was developed some years ago

by Westinghouse Electric Corp., Pittsburgh, the Precipitron has been limited in its industrial use. Essentially it is a two-stage precipitator in which the electrostatic charging precipitating of solid particles in the exhaust stream is combined. The exhaust first passes through a high local electrostatic field produced by impressing direct current of 13,000 v on a number of fine wires. This serves to charge or ionize the particles which then pass to a second charging uniform electrostatic field created by a system of parallel steel plates, alternate plates being grounded and the remaining plates being connected to a source of 600 v dc potential. The particles are drawn to the electrode of opposite polarity and removed from the air stream which is then exhausted



the top of the Precipitron unit back to the room atmosphere.

The unit itself comprises two principal elements — an ionizer-collector cell and a power pack. The cell is an all-metal unit capable of cleaning 600 fpm at 90 per cent efficiency, according to the manufacturer. The power pack consists of transformers, rectifier tubes, capacitors, protective current limiting resistors and an indicating system to signal a short circuit. The latter unit converts 115 v ac from plant lines to the necessary high voltage direct current for charging the electrodes of the collector cell.

Particles in oil mists, dusts, fumes and the like is measured by a unit known as the micron, equivalent to one-thousandth of a millimeter, or 0.001-in. Miscellaneous dusts, pollen and other particles larger than 1 micron tend to settle from the air unless it

is in motion. Some heavy industrial dusts average 8000 microns in particle size, while tobacco smoke particles are as small as 0.1-micron. A 10-micron particle is about the smallest which can be seen by the naked eye.

Mechanical filters are reported effective in removing dirt particles from 5 microns up in size, but the electrostatic method will precipitate the smaller particles. The principle of the method has been known for many years and has been applied successfully in such instances as boiler stacks, smelters and cement mills, where the Cottrell precipitator is commonly used. This equipment employs voltages of from 30,000 to 100,000 and generates a high degree of ozone, making the air around them unfit for breathing. By reducing the voltage as in the case of the precipitron — 13,000 for ionization and 6000 for

Fig. 4—Cutaway view of electrostatic dust precipitator, showing main ionizer-collector cell through which exhaust stream passes, and power pack at right to charge the collector

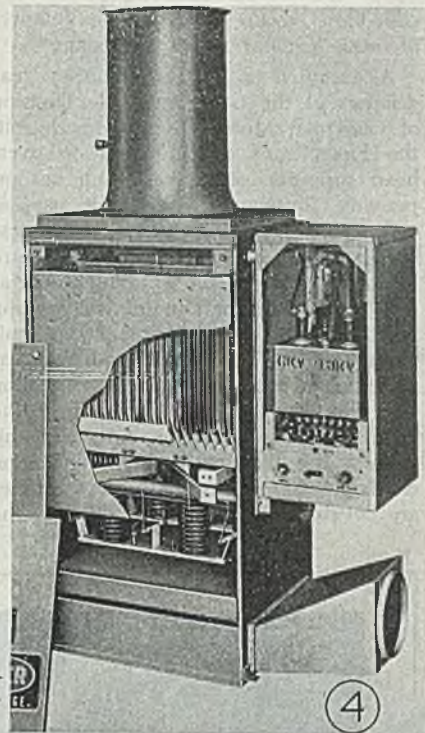


Fig. 3—Diagrammatic representation of how dust particles are given positive charge and then attracted to negatively charged collector plates

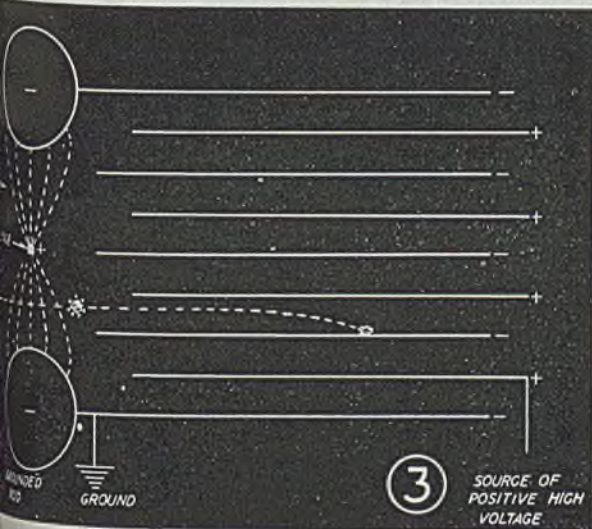
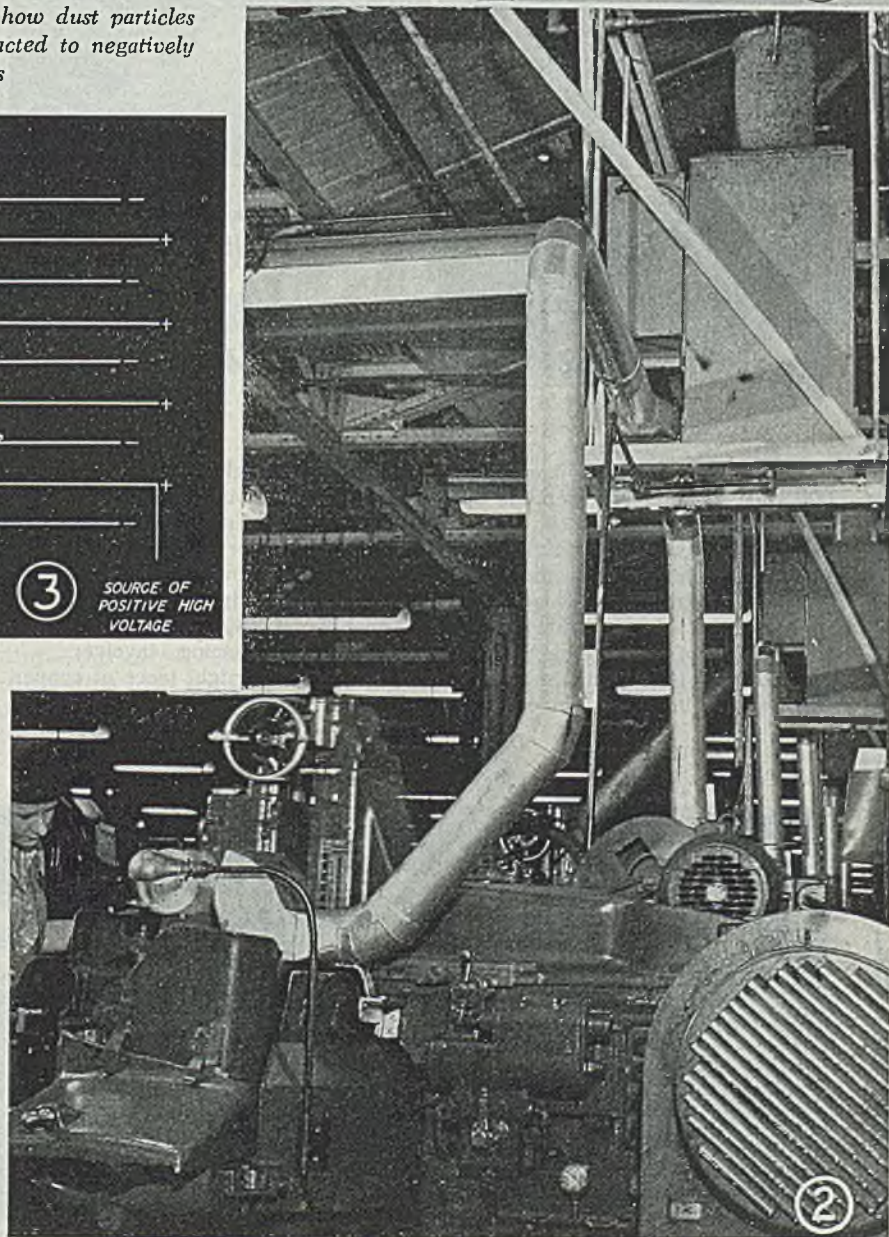


Fig. 1—Battery of gear grinders, each with Precipitron units mounted overhead, each collector serving two grinders

Fig. 2—Closeup of 6-in. duct system from collector to grinding, with inlet positioned close to grinding wheel to catch all fumes and particles. Motor and exhaust fan are mounted on top of collector unit



collection — the objectionable features of ozone generation are overcome.

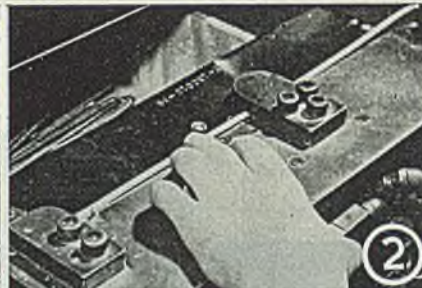
As installed on Pratt & Whitney gear grinders at the Gear and Axle Division of Chevrolet Motor Division in Detroit, the Precipitrons are mounted on overhead supports as shown in an accompanying illustration, one unit serving two grinders. Intake ports of 6-in. exhaust ducts, covered with a grille, are located as close to the grinding wheel as is practical, the ducts themselves leading to the base of the Precipitron unit mounted above. A small axial flow exhaust fan is mounted atop the collection unit, drawing exhaust fumes from the vicinity of the grinding wheels up through the ducts and into the collection chamber. Since dust and dirt particles are covered with oil, they drain off the

collection plates into a sump at the base of this equipment, from which a return pipe carries the liquid to the oil reservoirs on the respective grinders.

Chevrolet plant engineers have found the electrostatic collection method of mist collection a valuable maintenance tool. Directly over grinders without collection equipment, rising mists condense on roof trusses, necessitating frequent cleaning to avoid dripping down on to operators, machines and work in process. In time, it is believed the original cost of the unit, around \$300 each, exclusive of duct systems, would be made up by maintenance savings. Casual observation of the air surrounding the batteries of grinding machines shows a considerably greater clarity than around machines not equipped with collectors. This should

at least be conducive to better working conditions, although to date there has been little reaction from machine operators as to their own feeling with respect to the efficacy of the Precipitron equipment.

Chevrolet engineers indicate, however, that in future layouts of battery equipment of this type, they would favorably disposed toward installing the auxiliary equipment. One improvement, which machine tool builders might consider, would be the incorporation of intake ports for the duct system into the design of machines, so that they could be located more closely to the source of oil mists, or where the wheel contact is admittedly makeshift, there is an escape of mist from the region of exhaust ducts.



Ingenious Jigs, Semiautomatic Machines Used for

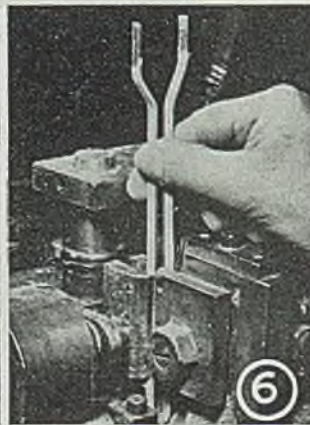
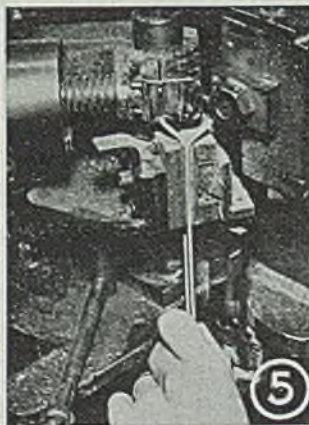
## Forming Aircraft Coils

SINCE Pearl Harbor, over 6,000,000 coils for aircraft generators have been precision formed on specially developed, semiautomatic machines such as the one shown in the accompanying illustrations. This production has been made possible at Westinghouse Corp.'s Lima, Ohio, works by ingenious jigs and mechanisms such as those shown in Fig. 1. A coil starts

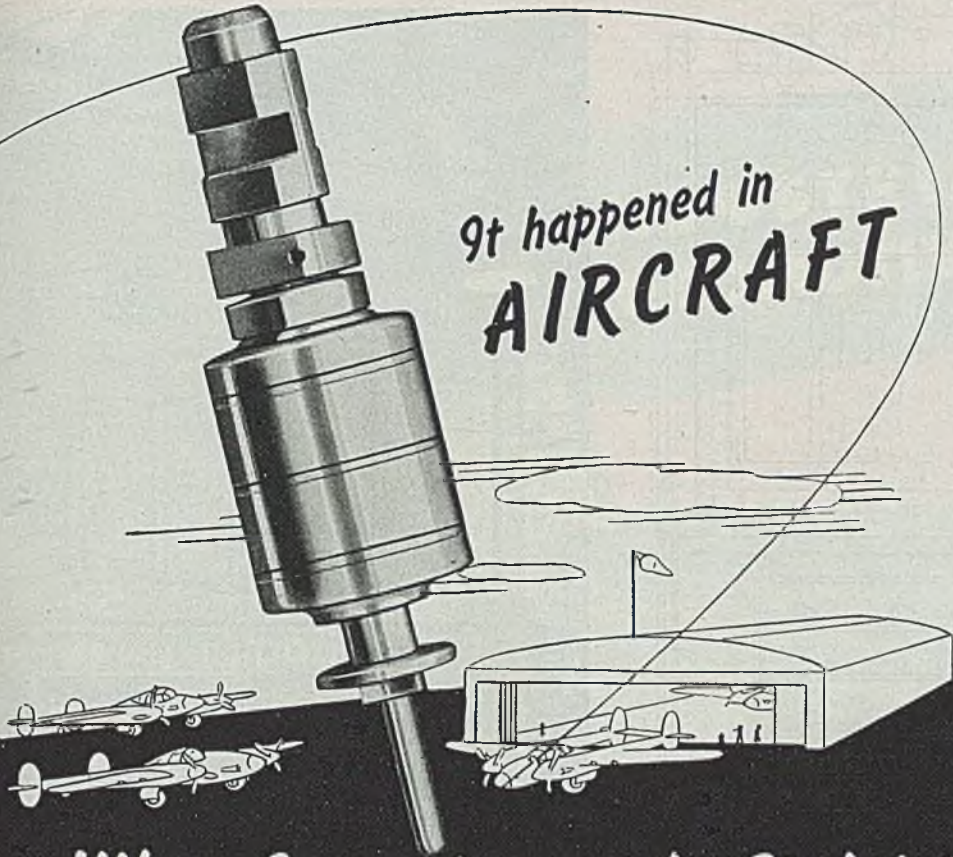
out as a straight piece of copper, slightly larger in cross-section than a paper book match and insulated with glass fiber to withstand high temperatures. Four forming operations later it is ready for the armature. These operations, made possible by interlocked sequencing, involve:

Bending a straight piece of copper, Fig. 2, into a hairpin shaped coil,

Fig. 3; forming the front end of this hairpin, Fig. 4, to fit the commutator slots, Fig. 5; forming the rear end of this hairpin, Fig. 6, to fit the rear slots, Fig. 7; and bending the front end of the bottom coil side up to a point that is level with the front end of the top coil side. Thus it is possible to place the ends side by side in the commutator slot for brazing.



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## When Carpenter made Stainless **EASY TO MACHINE**

Before Carpenter invented Free-Machining *Stainless Steels*, it was a difficult operation to produce any kind of *Stainless* parts from bar stock. Even the aircraft industry, small as it then was, had its difficulties trying to machine *Stainless* parts.

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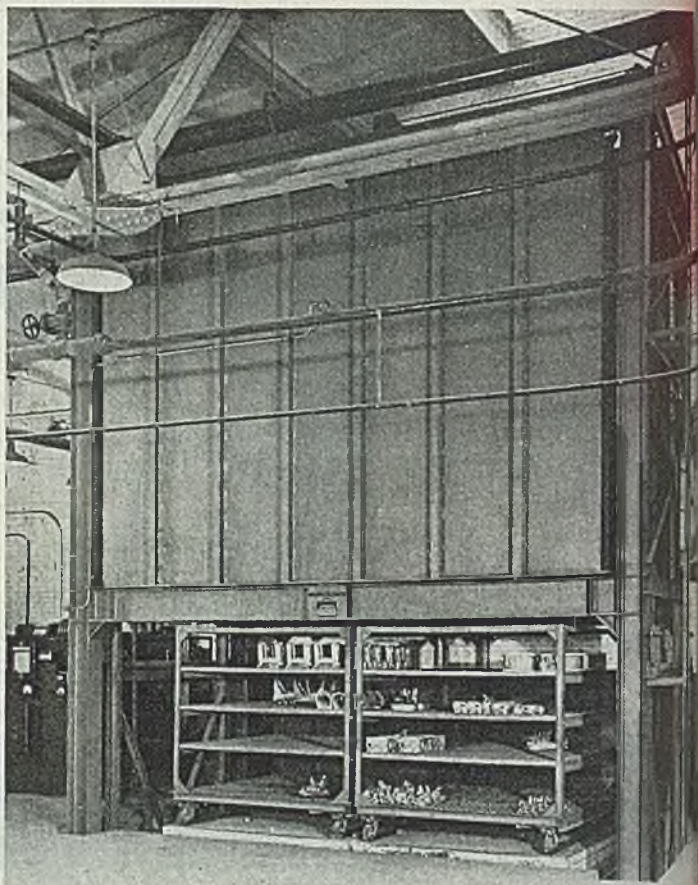
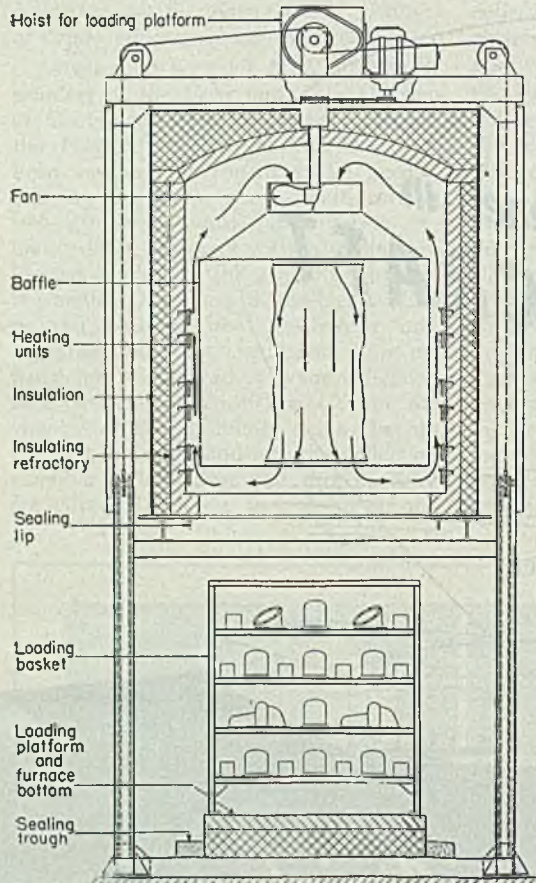
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# Heat Treating Magnesium Alloys

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MAGNESIUM alloys of aluminum and zinc being produced as castings for various structural parts of airplanes are important in keeping down dead weight and in increasing the useful load of aircraft.

To obtain their favorable weight ratios, it is necessary to double heat-treat the magnesium alloys. Such heat treatments require temperature regulation within plus or minus 5°F, and castings must be shielded from radiant heat so that thin sections of the alloys are not overheated. In addition, the inflammability of magnesium alloys necessitates the use of heat-treating furnaces that are equipped not only with suitable safety devices, but are so designed that they can withstand a magnesium fire in their interiors without appreciable damage to the furnace, and with complete safety to the building in which the furnaces are located.

Approximately 3 years ago, before the present large-scale production began, requirements of magnesium-alloy heat treatment were studied by the General

Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y. As a result, an elevator-type magnesium-alloy

## TIME-TEMPERATURE EXPLORATION TEST

Time	Thermo-couple 1	Thermo-couple 2	Thermo-couple 3
6:00 p.m.—Solution Heat on			
8:00	500	500	502
9:00	693	603	698
At Heat			
10:00	766	764	766
Midnight	762	762	762
2:00 a.m.	766	766	766
4:00	766	766	766
6:00	766	766	766
8:00	766	766	766
Noon	764	764	764
2:00 p.m.	764	764	764
4:00	Heat Off		

heat-treating furnace was developed. The cross-section of a typical furnace, shown at left above, shows how large-volume fans flood working space of the furnace with hot atmosphere, thus insuring good temperature uniformity. The baffle which surrounds the working

space serves not only to direct the flow, but also to shield the alloy from direct radiant heat. Maximum operating temperature is 800°F.

Alloys to be treated are placed on racks like those shown at right above. This furnace has its loading platform with two partially lowered racks in lowered position. The racks are placed on the movable furnace bottom, which when raised, puts the loaded rack in position in the stream of circulating atmosphere. The furnace bottom is sealed tightly to the furnace, permitting a protective atmosphere of sulphur-dioxide to be maintained within to inhibit fires and oxidation of casting surfaces. A refractory lining and the tight seal of the furnace restrict any fire that may occur to the interior of the furnace.

An excerpt from a temperature exploration test conducted by a magnesium foundry is shown in the accompanying table. Thermocouples were located at top, center and bottom of charge. Results indicate relative efficiency of this type of furnace. Experience in numerous other installations indicates that the electrically-heated, atmosphere-circulating elevator furnace provides accuracy and safety which are essential in mass production of magnesium-alloy castings.

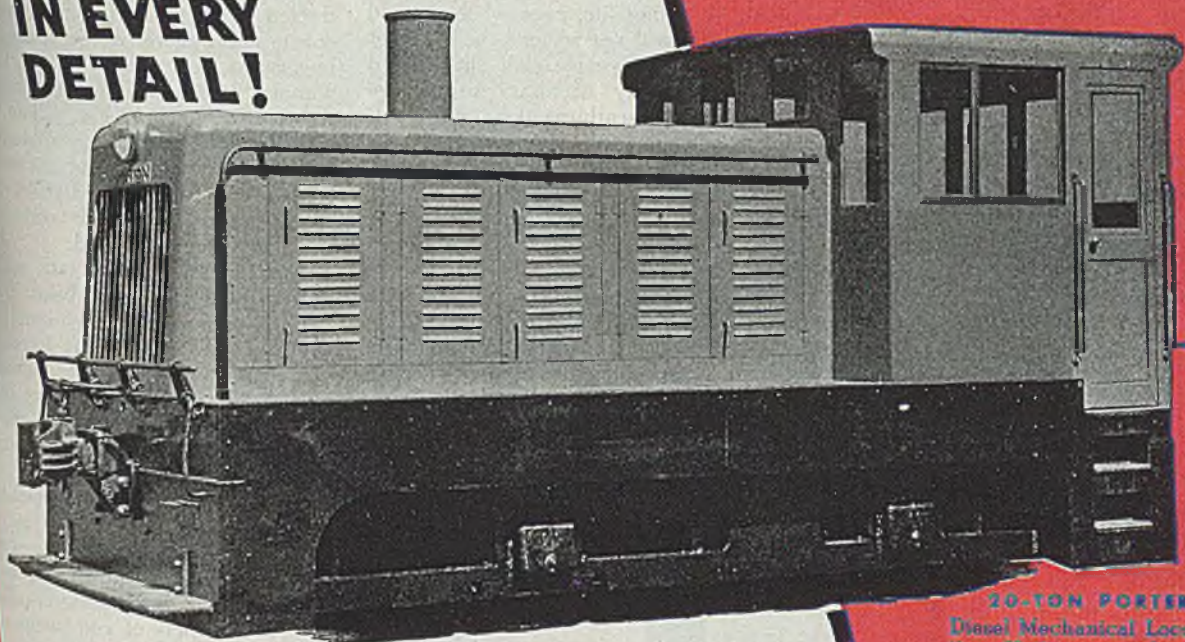


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# High Speed Steel Tools

HIGH-SPEED steel tools of all types—tungsten, molybdenum or cobalt — now are being heat-treated in production electric furnaces by General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y. No surface change occurs except a slight discoloration which becomes apparent when the tool is transferred from furnace to quench bath.

By this method, cutters of all types are made uniformly hard to the sharpest point. A testing file, even when applied with force, will not remove the point or notch the cutting edge. All cutting and grinding, usually necessary to remove oxidation or decarburization, are eliminated. Cutters and dies can be made to size before hardening with a resultant saving in material and grinding cost.

Furnaces and atmosphere producers, such as those shown in Fig. 4, afford very satisfactory results. The G-E types T and TG box furnaces are at left, and a drycolene producer is at right. Among the steel tools heat treated in these units are the cutters shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3.

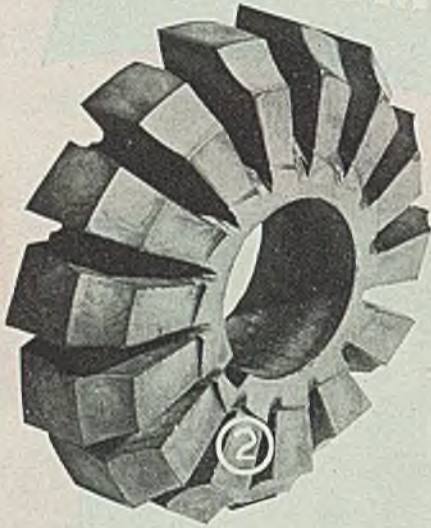
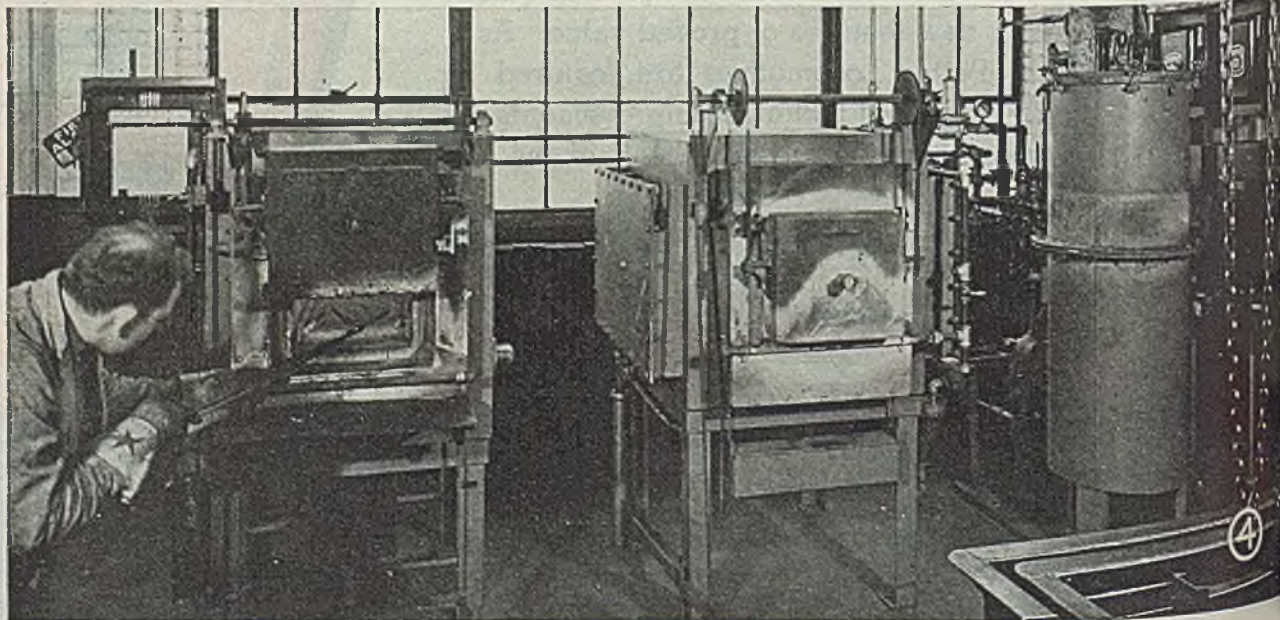
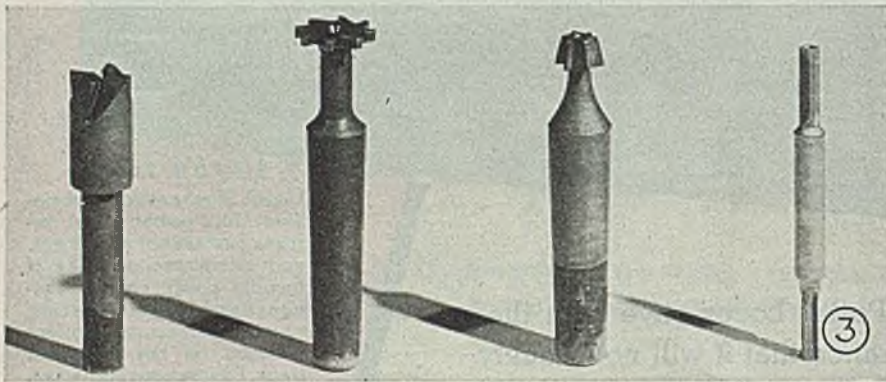
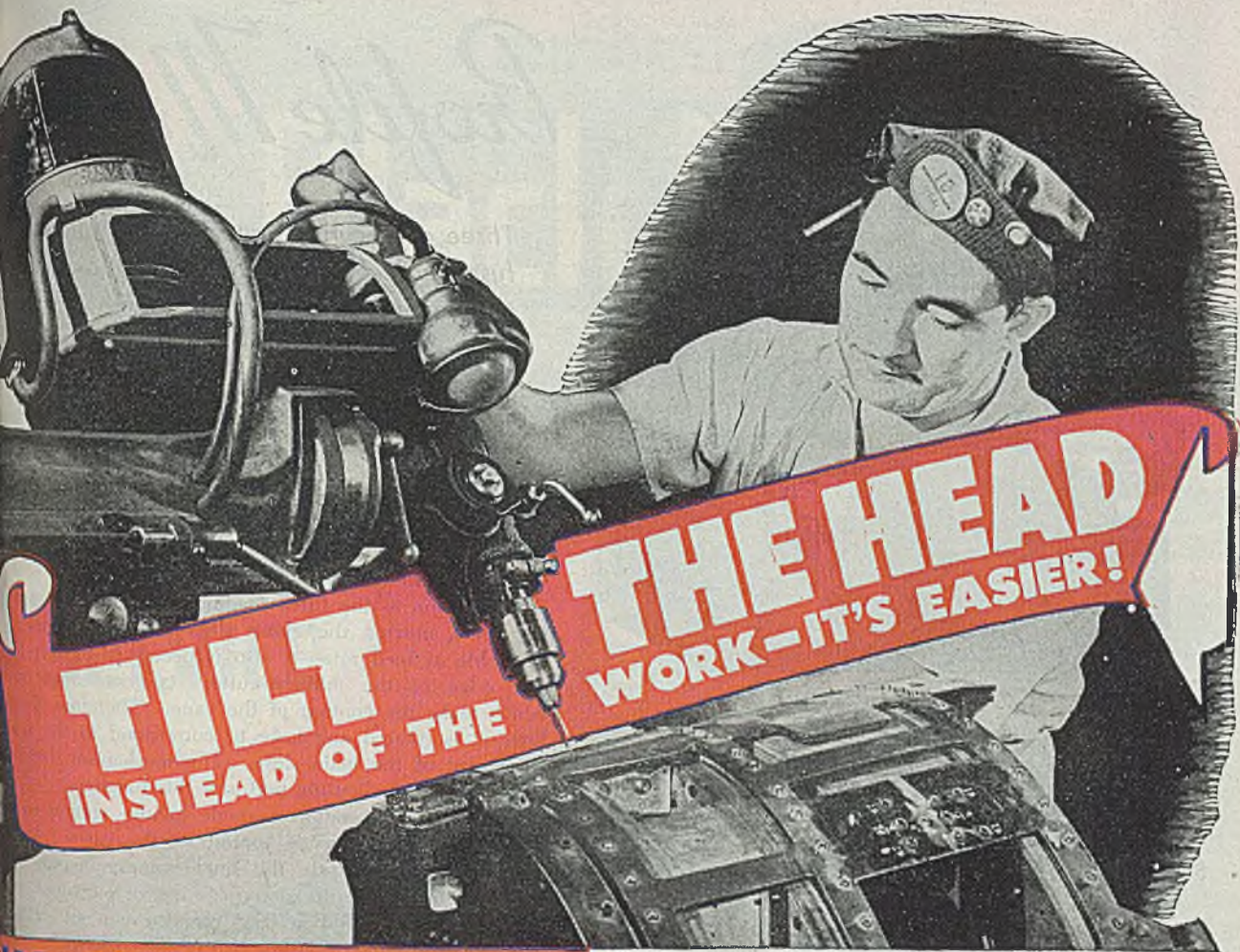


Fig. 2 shows a form-milling cutter, with clean, sharp edges, which was heat treated in the type TG furnace with a drycolene atmosphere. A square-thread milling cutter, heat treated in a TG furnace without decarburization or oxidation, is shown in Fig. 1. In Fig. 3, four types of cutters made of high-speed steels, heat treated in a type TG furnace with a protective atmosphere of drycolene, show a clean surface, but their cutting edges and corners are file-hard.

The foregoing results are made possible if conditions listed below exist.

1. If preheat and high-heat furnaces are gas-tight electric furnaces.
2. If atmosphere in the furnace protecting the steel against oxidation is practically free from the decarburizing gases, carbon dioxide, and water vapor.
3. If flame curtain is completely effective in keeping air out of the furnace when door is open, and is not so located or not so violent as to fill the heating chamber with its products of combustion.
4. If furnace atmosphere is enriched slightly (usually with natural propane or butane), to compensate for contamination of the atmosphere with carbon dioxide and water during the charging and discharging of the furnace.

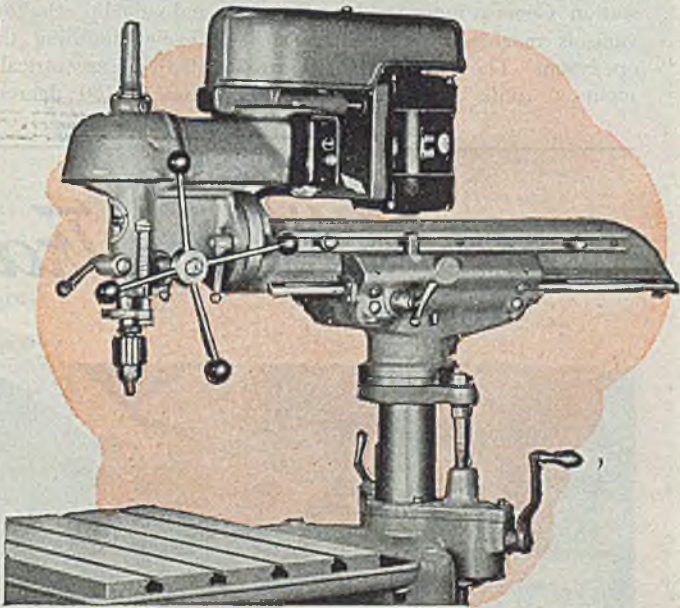




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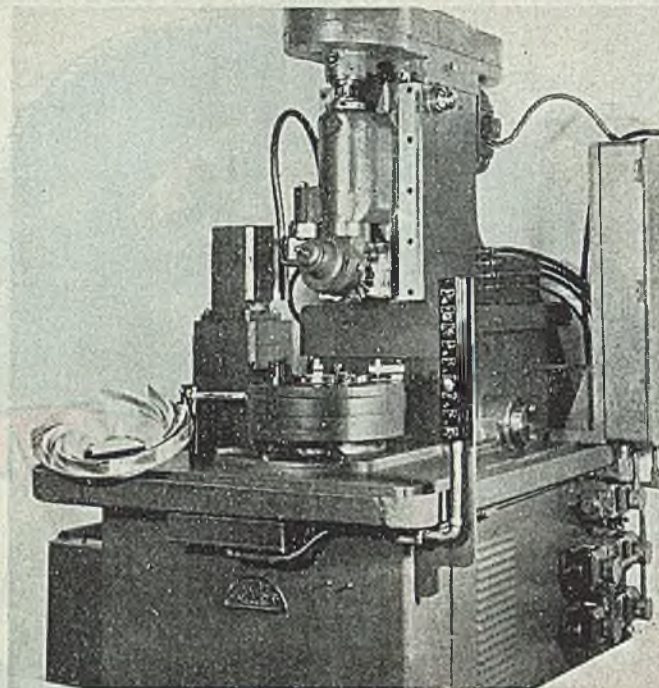


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# Profile Milling

Three consecutive operations on aircraft diffuser part expedite production and reduce to minimum costly hand-finishing operations formerly required



PROFILE millers for three consecutive operations on an aircraft diffuser part expedite production and reduce to a minimum the time-consuming and costly hand-finishing operations which would be necessary in conventional handling. The three special units used in this operation are made by Snyder Tool & Engineering Co., Detroit.

In the first operation a vertical 2-spindle end-milling machine is used to mill a 1/32-in. radius on each end of the nine diffuser vanes. Part is located and clamped on a 9-station Geneva index table. On each individual cycle, one vane is machined on both ends, nine cycles finishing this operation. The end mills used are installed on eccentrically mounted quill housing which rotates through 180 degrees.

The 2-spindle head, motor and spindle drive mechanism slide into position hydraulically and are supported by guide bars.

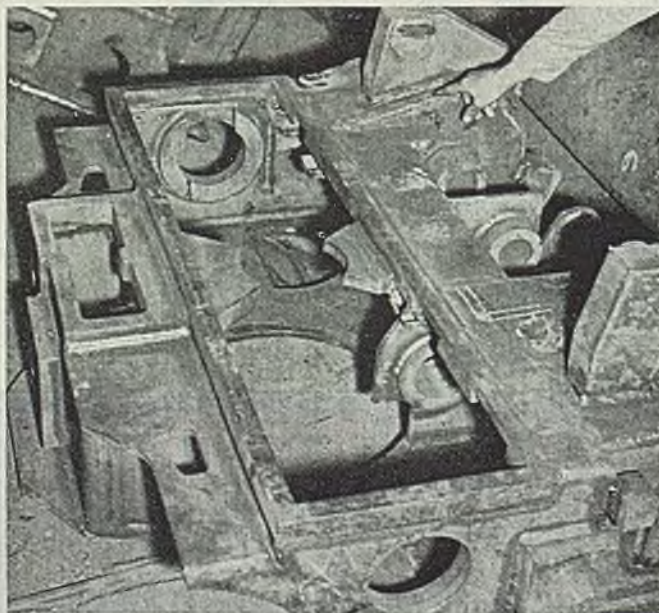
In the second operation, shown in illustration, a vertical single-spindle miller is used to mill the outside contour of the vanes with side milling cutters set at an angle to the vertical spindle housing center line.

In addition to the three feeding motions—feeding the cutter down, moving the entire slide in and out and rotating the table at feed rate—it also is necessary to keep the cutting edge of the milling cutters tangent to various radii which make the contour of the vane. Therefore, the spindle housing is rotated angularly to correspond to the in-and-out movement of the main slide. The mechanism shown at the left of the cutter housing performs this function.

In the third operation a single-spindle vertical end mill is used to mill the inside contour of the vanes. After it advances into the work, the single-spindle housing is rotated by a cam mechanism to conform to the vane contour.

The part is rotated at feed rate through an arc, and the vertical feed spindle housing also is moved in and out through cam action. All three actions of the feed mechanism—feeding the cutter up and down, moving in and out and rotating the part—are mechanically synchronized. The part is located on a 9-station Geneva index table.

# Welded Transmission Case



WELDED construction afforded economies in time and materials on a job recently undertaken by Steel Fabricators Co., Cleveland. An intricately designed transmission case for mining machinery was made much more compact and strong by welding. This permitted the machinery to be operated in smaller areas and to perform its work in mine fissures formerly inaccessible. The new transmission case measures approximately 53 x 43 in. and is 15 in. high. It is said to weigh 1000 lb less than the previous case. Because this structure is subjected to abnormally heavy shock and impacts, the weldment is constructed of heavy plate sections with thicknesses 1 1/4 to 2 1/2-in. predominating.

Individual members were cut to specifications, positioned and tack welded into place, and then finish welded on both sides. All joints were of the full open corner type, shaped to permit good stress distribution and permit application of the finished structure to impact loads of all types. Accompanying illustration shows a typical welded joint of this type, with 3 passes of mild steel electrode being pointed out. Inside welds of both fillet and butt type were made with 1/8-in. rod. Excess weld metal is easily ground off to specifications with a power grinding wheel.

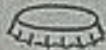
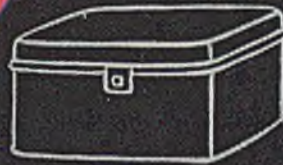
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# West Coast Steel Mill

... produces many different items in modern wire mill, described here in the fourth and last article in a series detailing the facilities and practice of Columbia Steel Co. near San Francisco

By G. ELDRIDGE STEDMAN

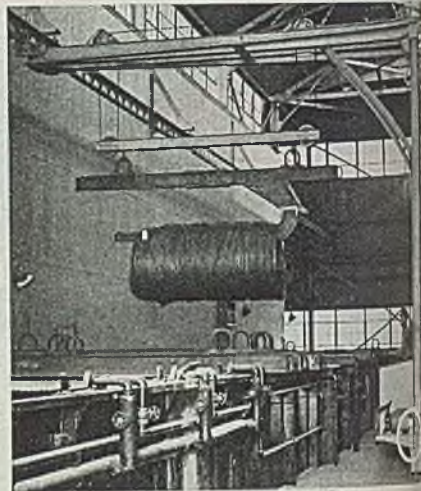


Fig. 1—Wire mill cleaning house. Single leg gantry handles the large coils

WIRE PRODUCTS produced at the Pittsburg Works of the Columbia Steel Co., some 45 miles from San Francisco, include manufacturers' wire, wire rope, strand and cable, nails, tacks and staples, springs and spring wire, woven wire fence and barbed wire. The wire, nail and wire rope mills are thoroughly modern and laid out for straight line production.

Raw material comes into the wire mill,

a 1170-ft long building, from storage where the coiled rod is stored by grades and sizes after hot rolling. Cleaning and coating operations are arranged in a straight line. Coils are received on a unique system of air ejectors which push the coiled rods on to a pin hook. A single leg gantry crane thereafter picks up these pin hooks, carrying seven coils or about 4300 lb of rod, and transports them along the straight line of cleaning

vats. The sequence is as follows: Rods come first to three acid (dilute 8 per cent sulphuric), the capacity being three pins of seven each. The cycle varies from 5 to 10 min depending upon the product. Pins then are lifted out by crane and passed to an automatic cold rinse of high-pressure immersion type, controlled by photoelectric cell. The action is a spray, down-and-up immersion requiring about 20 sec.

Pins then are moved by crane to a series of three line tanks for light, medium or heavy coating in a 2 to 12 per cent solution, depending upon finish product requirements. This neutralizes the remaining acid, prevents oxidation, provides a carrier for the lubricant used in drawing, and establishes the basic bright or lime finish. Finally, the coils carrying the rods are craned to the baker to receive a 350 to 650° F dip for a 3 to 20-min interval, depending upon the product.

Some of the coiled rods receive a (ferrous hydroxide) coating before liming dip. This is done by misting to give color control and to provide a carrier for the drawing lubricant.

From cleaning, the coiled rod goes into temporary storage or some

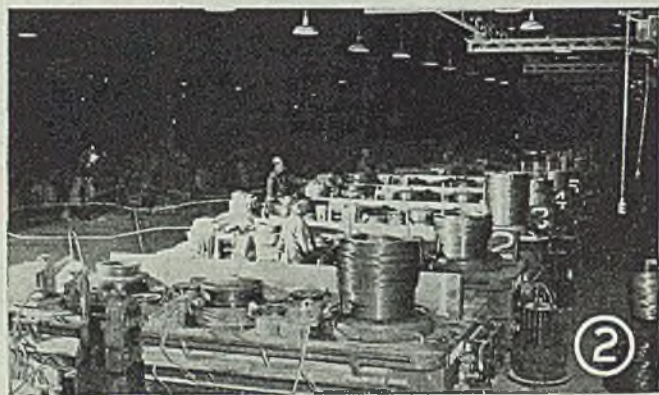


Fig. 2—Continuous wire drawing is done here

Fig. 3—Group of multiple cable stranding machines

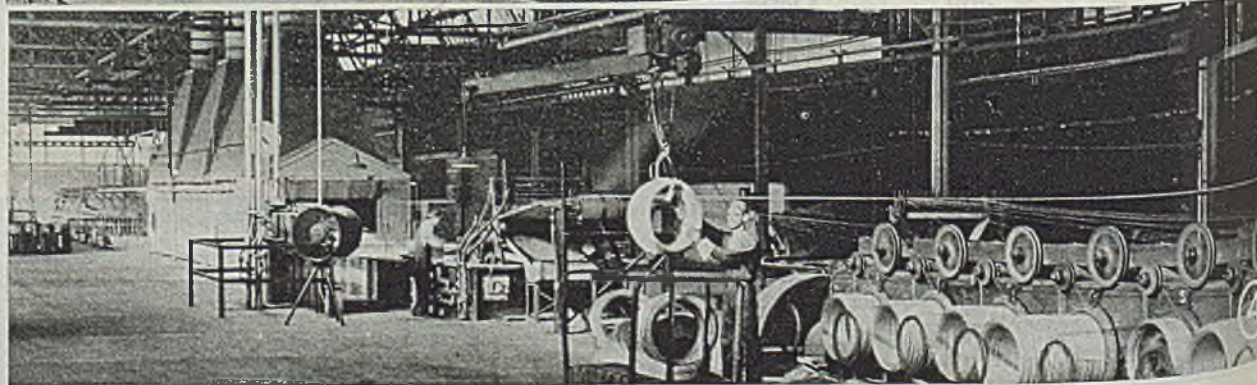


Fig. 4—Coarse wire galvanizing line. Takeup blocks at right

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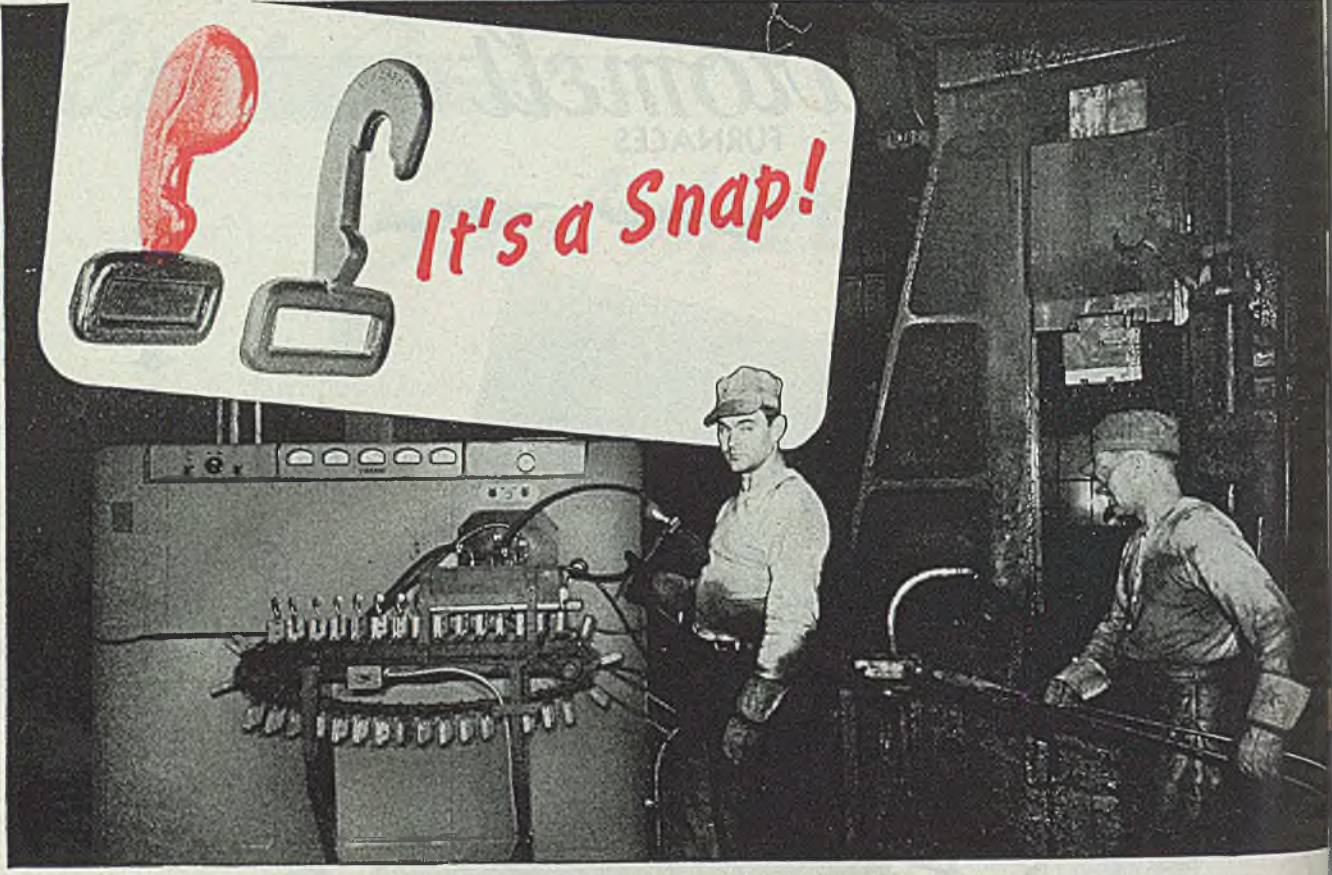
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to the shipping dock in mid-build-  
ing. From this storage, the coiled rod  
comes to its first drawing in the straight  
line setup.

Housed in the drawing department are  
34 continuous wire drawing machines;  
thirty-two 24-in. diameter double deck,  
bench type, motor-driven blocks; twelve  
18-in. blocks, and two continuous 12-  
in. craft wet wire drawing machines; eight  
12-in. bench-type blocks; and one bull  
block. This rather complete setup gives  
good production variety on sizes. All  
blocks are tungsten carbide. All machines  
drawing high-carbon wire have blocks  
and dies which are water and air cooled.  
The mill prepares all its dies. All blocks  
have safety rings with automatic stops.  
All benches are equipped with safety  
levers that actuate at any body  
inch.

From these wire drawing machines,  
the coiled wire moves to three outlets:  
(1) to process wire for galvanizing, (2)  
for nail fabrication and (3) to process wire  
for annealing. These are in addition to  
the wire that is inspected, tested and  
shipped direct to market.

The galvanizing arrangement can pro-  
duce either hard or soft galvanized wire  
controlled by three frames: (1) Coarse,  
16 and 22-in. diameter  
blocks; (2) medium, 24-block frame with  
22-in. diameter blocks; (3) fine,  
8 or 16-in. diameter  
blocks.

The galvanizing setup consists of lead  
for annealing; the pickle house in  
which the work is cleaned, rinsed and  
the zinc bath and the variable-  
speed revolving blocks on which the  
wire is taken up after galvanizing. Soft  
annealing is at 1250 to 1300°.  
In the galvanizing furnace, the  
temperatures are from 810 to 880°.  
Variable-speed motors control the  
time of immersion in the zinc baths,  
the weight of coating depending upon speed,  
and length of immersion, and tem-



Fig. 5—Continuous cleaning machine handles 4500 kegs of nails per day



Fig. 6—Shaker tables and exit of nail cleaning line



Fig. 7—Machines for manufacturing nail kegs

1000° F. The takeup blocks are arranged horizontally. The process is particularly useful in high-carbon spring steel. The blocks are serviced by variable-speed motors having full-length bevel gears. All work from these patenting takeup blocks goes back through the cleaning cycle before drawing.

The annealing equipment of the wire mill consists of four pot type and two radiant-tube gas-fired furnaces with six bases, these having DX controlled atmosphere facilities for bright annealing. Bases are round in shape, the coils of wire being on spiders. The annealing is performed in a 6-hr cycle, being at 1350° F wire temperature; soak for 20 min with a slow cool under inner hood. Bright blue or black anneal is here produced, the annealing being either final or for further process drawing.

Finished wire from this department may go directly to market. It is delivered to the wire finishing department for weighing, bundling and inspection for shipment. All loading in the wire mill is under roof, the building being serviced throughout its middle by a single track capable of holding 14 railroad cars, loading from both track sides.

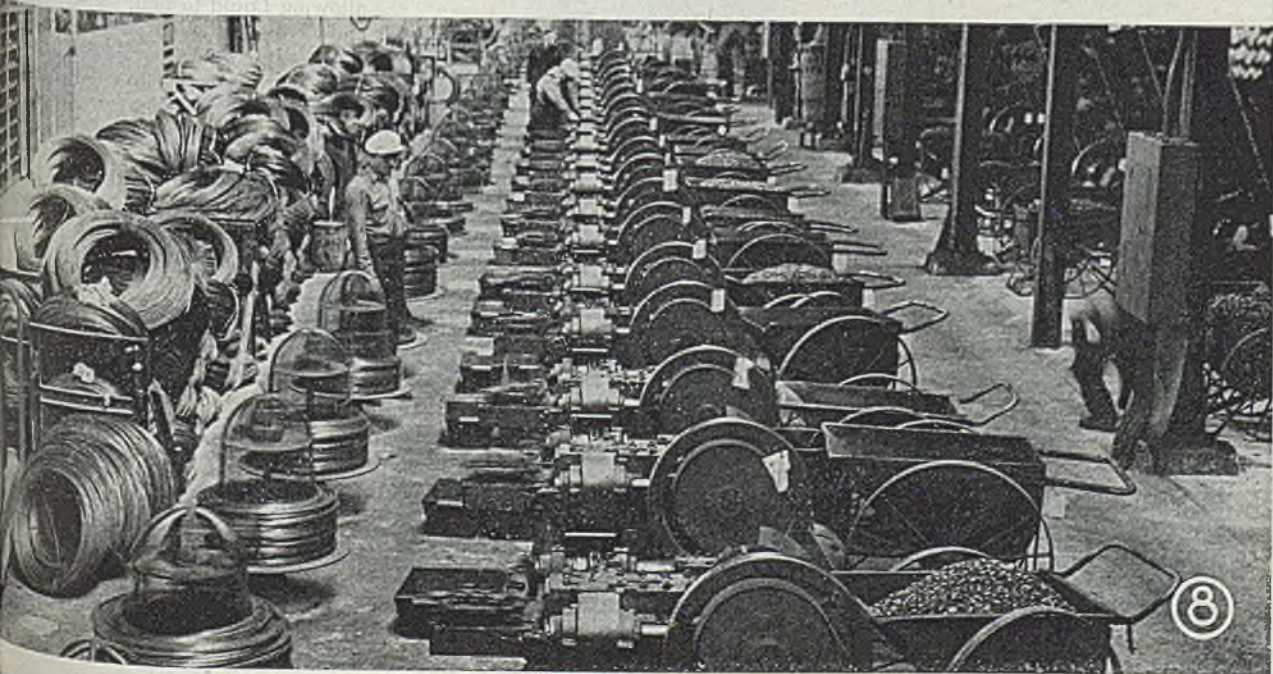
The testing equipment consists of a 10,000-lb Riehle mechanical testing unit, a 10,000-lb Olson hydraulic tensile machine, and other smaller machines. Every bundle is gaged and inspected as to finish, tensile strength, toughness (jig, crimping or torsion), elongation, and

perature of bath. Either bright or dull finish is produced and galvanized coatings are specified up to 1.2 oz per square foot of surface. Galvanized products are furnished in either high or low carbon.

The patenting furnace is 60-ft gas-fired open-flame type with a 20-ft lead pan, 24-block takeup. It heat treats high-carbon wire and rods. Wire leaving the furnace is approximately 1900° F and the lead pan is maintained at 900 to

Fig. 8—Machines which produce 390 nails a minute

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## Automatic Control Aids Aircraft Motor Operation

An automatic control for aircraft power plants combines three engine control operations into one, simplifying motor operation. Primary function of unit is to maintain power output previously selected by pilot, regardless of changes in altitude. To accomplish this, control uses many mechanical and electrical devices. When in use with turbosupercharged aircraft engines, it automatically sets the throttle, engine speed control and manifold pressure regulator, duties formerly performed by pilot.

To compensate for decreasing density of the upper atmosphere, the control regulates the turbosupercharger to increase air compression. Once power output setting is established, turbo adjustments require no further attention until a change in power plant output is desired. A single lever in the cockpit enables pilot to provide correct power plant regulation with one movement of the control.

Unit also reduces the human equation by employing mechanical means to assure constant power maintenance, resulting in smooth, uniform and efficient performance of turbo power plants. At extremely high altitudes or when other-

wise necessary, unit limits maximum operating speed of the turbosupercharger to a safe value, preventing damage and insuring uninterrupted, continuous performance.

By reducing amount of control linkage and cables otherwise required from power plant to cockpit, engine control reduces lost motion and is said to provide positive, fast and smooth response from power plant. Pilot may take control away from the automatic unit made by General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y., and regulate manifold pressure and engine speed separately, enabling engine to make the most miles per gallon of gasoline.

## Portable Oxygen Producer

—Eliminates need for return of air forces' oxygen cylinders to base for refilling. Postwar applications anticipated

RETURN of empty cylinders for refilling and, in general, the handling of oxygen cylinders, full or empty, long has been a problem with the air forces. During the North African campaign, oxygen had to be shipped from Johannesburg, South Africa, and in the Pacific, where many bases are located on small and isolated islands, far removed from sources of supply, solution of the problem is even more difficult.

Oxygen is carried in the bombers in flight bottles at a pressure of 400 lb. After each flight, bottles have had to be refilled from cylinders loaded with oxygen at 2200 lb. Cylinders weigh 150 lb each, and the number required for a thousand-plane mission presents a tremendous handling problem.

To help solve the difficulty, Clark Bros. Co. Inc., Olean, N. Y., subsidiary of Dresser Industries, Cleveland, has produced a portable oxygen unit which can be flown to advanced bases. As shown here, it can be broken down into individual pieces, each weighing less than 3000 lb, and small enough to be loaded into the cargo hatch of a C-46 transport. With no special supplies other than those ordinarily found at such bases — gasoline, oil, and a little water — the unit can fill oxygen cylinders within 24 hours after it has been landed.

Co-operation between Clark Bros. and M. W. Kellogg Co. resulted in development of a plant meeting Army requirements. Unit is said to produce more oxygen than previous plants al-

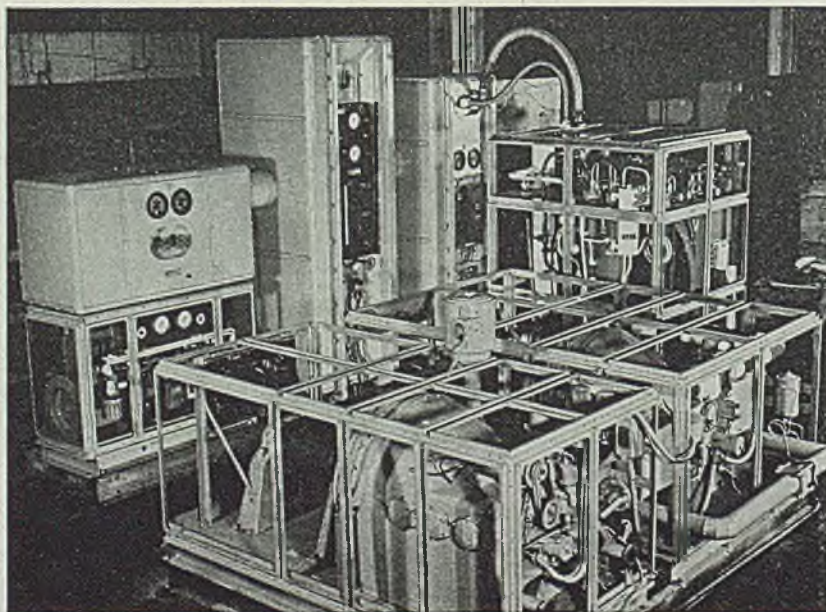
most twice its weight, and a low operating air pressure of 100 lb makes it safer. Men can be trained to run it in a week. Light weight of the dry-oxygen unit was achieved by aviation type techniques of design, using light fittings and piping. Unit is powered with light-weight aviation engine.

Plant must produce, not merely oxygen, but chemically pure oxygen. It must be free from invisible water vapor that would freeze and clog oxygen lines or masks at the low temperatures of high altitudes. A compressor, operating without oil and requiring no lubrication other than that supplied by segmental carbon rings on light aluminum pistons running in highly polished chromium plated cylinders, is used. It is a high speed unit, its pistons traveling 1200 fpm.

The same principle was used in compressor charging the oxygen cylinders. Also, a small expansion engine, designed to operate on 100 lb of air pressure, is said to have over 80 per cent efficiency.

Oxygen is produced in a 6-ft cold box by liquefying ordinary air and allowing liquid to boil, so that oxygen and nitrogen vaporize separately. Temperatures of nearly 300° below zero F are required to liquefy air by this process. A device used for cooling air to low temperature is a heat exchanger designed by Dr. S. C. Collins of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. There are 24 heat exchangers in the cold box, using 11 miles of paper-thin copper ribbon 15/100-in. wide, making it possible to keep the size of exchangers down to 5 ft. If copper ribbon were not used, exchangers would have had to be thirty times as large as they are.

The company also has developed a semi-trailer model, weighing 10 tons and less than 20 ft long, which can be hauled to any front line base a heavy Army truck can reach. A number of postwar applications for both types of dry-oxygen generators are anticipated.



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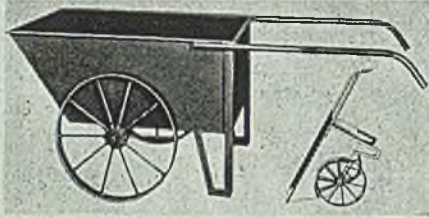
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## Carrying Unit

A new Multi-Purpose cart is offered by Palmer-Shile Co., 796 South Harrington, Detroit 17. This unit is suitable for hauling and dumping ashes, scrap, small parts, mixed concrete, liquids, fertilizer and other miscellaneous material. To meet varied uses, it is

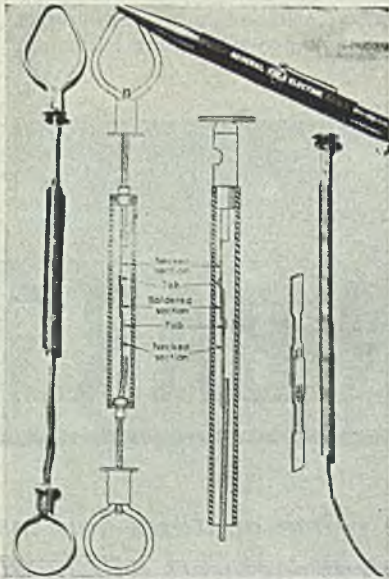


designed and balanced for easy wheeling and convenient dumping.

The cart has a heavy steel body with a reinforcing flange around top edge. tubular handles extend 34 in. from the body. Legs are of heavy angle iron, and construction is all-welded throughout. It is equipped with two 24 x 2 in. steel spoke wheels. Overall measurements are 79 in. long, 30 in. high, 30 in. wide.

## Fuse Links

A new line of Hi-surge, double-duty fuse links, with low current N rating of 1, 2 or 3 amp, is announced by General Electric's Transformer Division, Schenectady, N. Y. Available in both universal cable-type and flip-open type designs, they are mechanically and electrically interchangeable with conven-



tional fuse links of same type now in use.

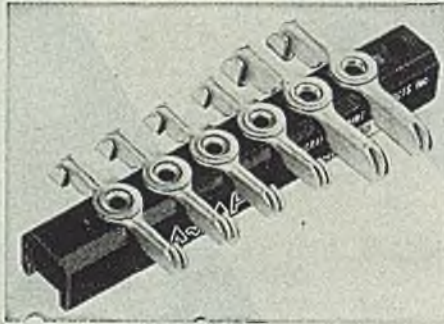
Fusible element consists of two identical punchings of a low-melting point alloy. Two punchings, each consisting of a reduced fusible section and a wider

portion, are mechanically interlocked and joined with a solder of desired melting temperature. At low 60-cycle short circuit currents, heat generated in reduced sections of fusible element is conducted into wide portion until solder melts, permitting two sections to be pulled apart. At higher 60-cycle, short circuit or surge currents, reduced section melts and severs link before heat conducted into wider section can melt the solder.

Locking construction of two punchings prevent ends of soldered joint from peeling apart under tension, yet permit punchings to separate freely after solder melts. Length of restricted sections is held within limits of plus or minus 0.005-in. in manufacture and a definite amount of solder is applied in joining the punchings, so that the time current characteristics are accurately controlled for both low current and surge blowing.

## Connector Strip

A connector strip, specially adapted to hangers for sectional wiring is offered by Aircraft-Marine Products Inc., 1591J North Fourth street, Harrisburg, Pa., for use with the company's solderless knife-



disconnect splicing terminals. It offers quick assembly of any number of terminal connections on a single block of insulating plastic. Integral members are riveted to plastic base. Any knife-switch connect end may be specified to accommodate any wire size from 22 to 10 inclusive and, where required, the opposite end may be made for a different wire size.

Ample space is given for access to any one connection and wire is connected by holding it vertically in contact with strip member and then pulling back. Permanent or temporary shorting connections can be incorporated between two or more adjacent terminals.

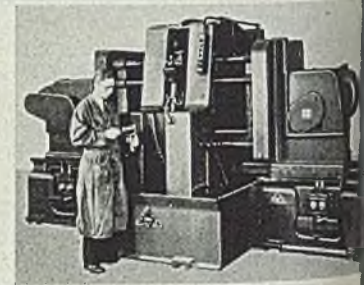
## Steam Tank Heater

Brown Fintube Co., Elyria, O., introduces an immersion type steam tank heater for use with any material with viscosity that can be lowered by heating. Unit consists of a number of lengths of fintubes connected in series and inlet

and outlet steam lines. The heaters have low center of gravity. Cross handles in positioning the heater over the charge outlet in the car, in block heater at various depths and remove unit after car is empty. It is available in two sizes: No. 642 for use with cars and No. 442 for use with trucks.

## Trunnion Type Machine

A 2-way trunnion type machine for drilling, chamfering and reaming for universal joints has been designed by LeMaire Tool & Mfg. Co., Dearborn, Mich. The machine is capable of accommodating sizes ranging from 7/8 to 2



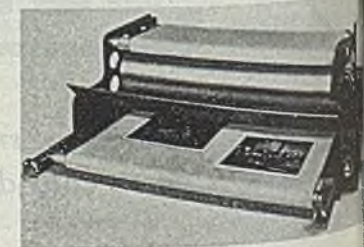
in. diameter. By reaming from two directions each tool does half the work. In addition to achieving line-reaming accuracy production is speeded up. Reamers driven by a special quill type spindle built in trunnion with power transmission from multiple head through a flexible drive.

The machine consists of a manually operated 6-station trunnion mounted on a fabricated base on which are mounted two of the company's standard slides containing slide type hydraulic cylinders. Change gears provide various spindle speeds for the 5-spindle drill heads.

Cycle of operations is as follows: station 1, load and unload; station 2, drill and chamfer; station 3, rough ream; station 4, finish drill for reamer; station 5, semifinish ream and station 6, ream.

## Photo Print Dryer

Blueprints or black and white prints, matte or semimatte prints, or



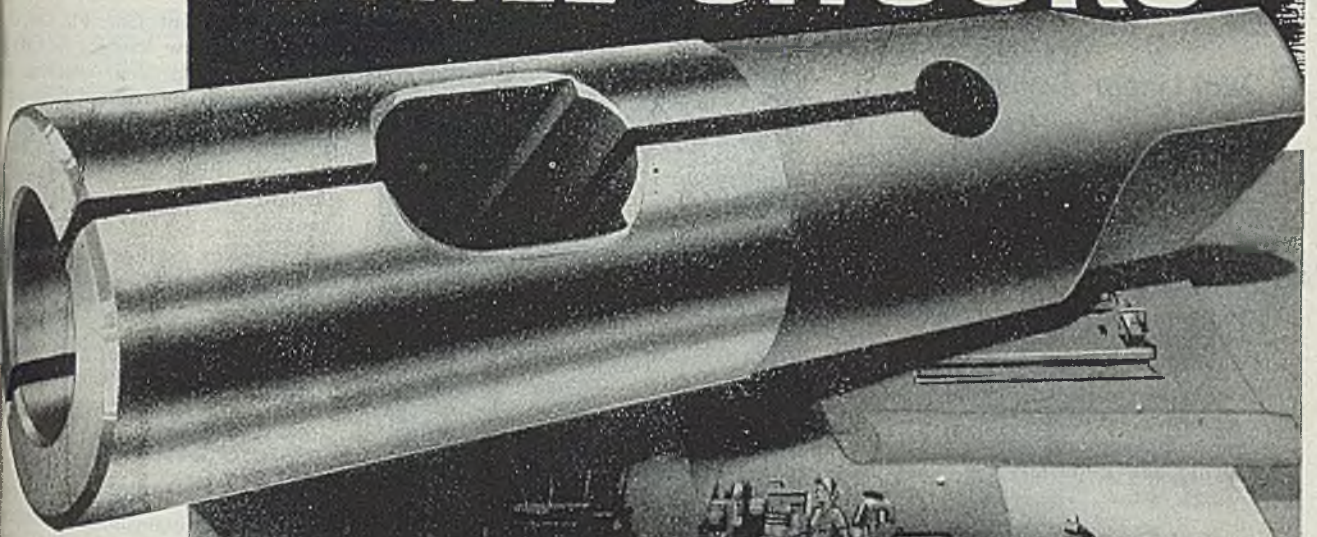
prints can be dried on the new B-8 photo dryer offered by Peck & Harvey, 41 Addison street, Chicago 41. There

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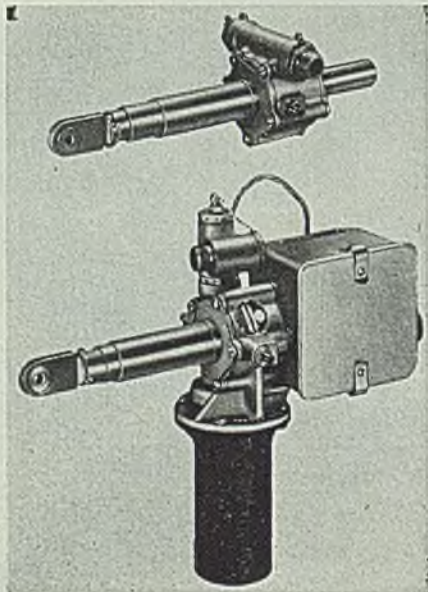
A chromium plated copper drum that finishes photos with high glossy surface is included. Specially woven seamless band, pressed steel framework are featured. Steel clad, refractory insulated Nichrome heaters, nickel contacts, and asbestos insulated nickel wire are used.

The unit is available in 26 and 44 in. widths. The 26 in. dryer, operates on 110 v, ac or dc and is 40 in. long, 28 in. wide, 13 in. high. The 44 in. dryer, operates on 110 v, ac or dc, is 58 in. long, 28 in. wide and 13 in. high.

## Dual Linear Actuators

Dual operation is possible with the two new linear actuators offered by Foote Bros. Gear & Machine Corp., 5225 South Western boulevard, Chicago 9. The primary actuator is powered by 1/6-hp electric motor. The secondary actuator (motorless type) gains its power from primary by a flexible shaft coupling which synchronizes the two units.

Both actuators have a linear action of 55 in. at an extension speed of 2 sec and a retraction speed of 9 sec. Travel of screwjack is accurately controlled by limit switches and stops may be adjusted by a single screw. These two models are



capable of handling work loads up to 750 lb with a static load capacity of 2500 lb.

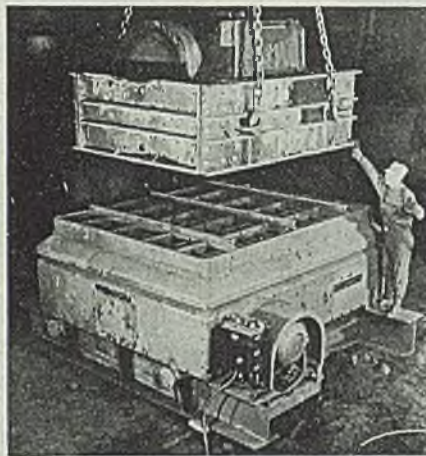
The 1/6-hp motor of the primary unit operates at 800 rpm from 26 v, dc at 11½ amp and is equipped with a magnetic brake for instantaneous stops and to prevent gear train from creeping due to vibration of plane. The company's Aircraft Quality gears are used in these actuators. Primary reduction spur gears, steel worm and screwjack are hardened for accuracy. Steel parts are Magna-fluxed and cast aluminum housings are X-ray inspected.

Dimensions of the motorized actuator

are 13 in. long, 11 in. high and 4½ in. wide, weight, 7 lb 1 oz. The shaft driven model is 10 11/16 in. long, 3½ in. high, 3¾ in. wide and weighs 2 lb 12 oz. The latter may be used separately by driving off of an engine or any remote source of power.

## Single Unit Shakeouts

Two new single unit shakeouts, known as Foundromatic, are announced by Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Milwaukee. The 8 x 10 ft, 25 ton load unit is designed to handle 90 per cent of tonnage cast in average jobbing foundry, where castings range from 500 to 50,000 lb each. The

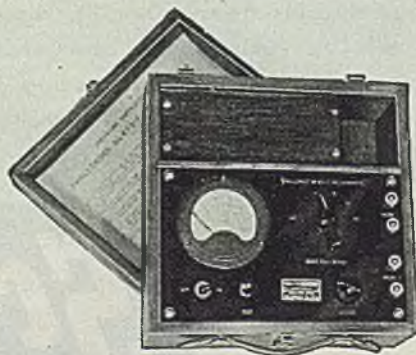


smaller unit, 6 x 8 ft, is rated at 15 tons capacity.

The units increase capacity by use of two bearing construction. Outer bearings are eliminated, impact loads are absorbed by resilient support springs at each end of shakeout. Vibratory action is produced by the combined effect of a heavy duty eccentric shaft (offset and enlarged between the bearings) and two true running balance wheels which counterbalance the weight of the shakeout, result is a uniform circular motion throughout shakeout deck surface.

## Test Set

Milliohmmeter No. 673-F, introduced by Shallcross Mfg. Co., Collingdale, Pa., has linear scales which eliminate crowd-



ing of the higher values of resistance at one end of the scale. The six scales have ranges as follows: 0-0.5-1-5-10-50

and 100 ohms full scale. This range between regular milliohmmeters that are used for low resistance testing and ordinary ohmmeters used for relative high resistance measurements.

Instrument utilizes separate connections for current and potential so as to minimize effect of lead and contact resistance when measuring low values. Uses a single No. 6 dry cell battery carried in a battery compartment built into the instrument.

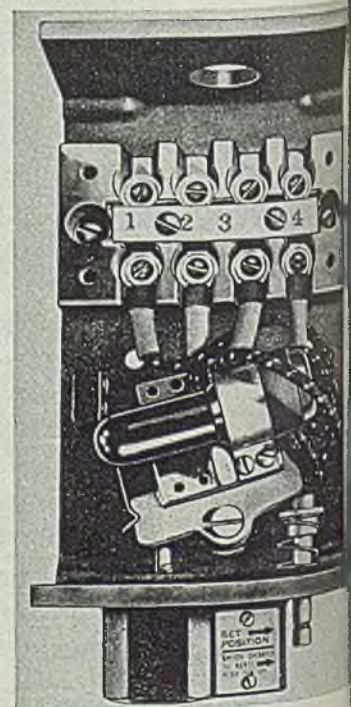
## Inspection Lens

Ess Instrument Co., Ft. Lee, N. J., announces a new lens for its Cat's Eye inspection units for checking boiler and furnace interiors and their contents while in operation. This lens, type provides a wider field of vision with a reduction than is available through standard type G lens; both are interchangeable.

Cat's Eyes equipped with this lens will show at a glance from close points, the flame with its characteristics of color, turbulence and haze and objects inside a boiler or furnace such as tubes and articles being heat treated.

## Pressure Switch

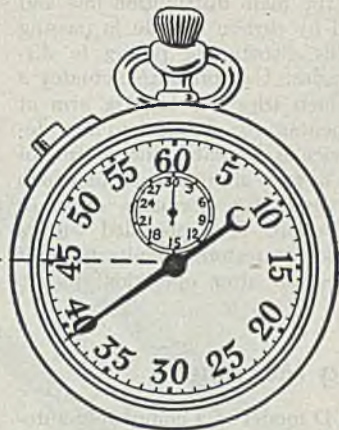
Designed for use with built-in carbon dioxide fire extinguishing systems, a pressure switch is offered by W. H. Kidde Co., New York. It assists in



lating fire by automatically cutting electrical circuits in fans, blowers and other electrical equipment when the extinguishing system operates. It is a mercury contact type switch suitable for applications which use air pressure.

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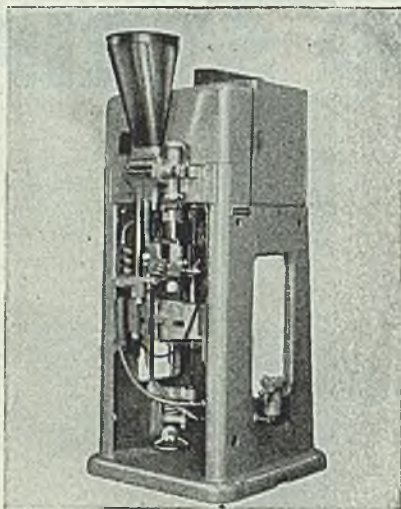
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## Molding Machine

No. 200 D model of a completely automatic molding machine is offered by F. J. Stokes Machine Co., Philadelphia 20. Improvements include a new type trap or checking device, sensitive to the fraction of a gram, which weighs the finished moldings and operates a safety cutoff to stop machine in case all molded pieces do not eject into and pass through trap. If a



piece sticks in the mold or the molding is of insufficient weight, machine will stop and signal for attention. Thus possible damage to mold or machine from double filling or other failure in operation is practically eliminated.

Other features include an improved combination push off that ejects mechanically in case multiple air jets do not blow molding into trap; also an improved triple-feed device that is adjusted to distribute exact quantities of molding powder where desired in mold.

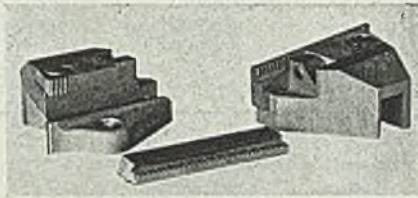
Capacity of this machine is 15 tons; it molds parts with a projected area up to 14 sq. in. and diameters up to 4 in. Machine is self-contained, fully automatic, thoroughly safeguarded, requires a minimum of operating attention, is electrically heated and powered and requires 5 hp.

## Chaser and Holder

Landis Machine Co., Waynesboro, Pa., has developed a new chaser and chaser holder combination which simplifies interchanging of chasers and also imparts greater rigidity and strength to combination to insure finer thread accuracy.

The Lanrac chaser and holder employs

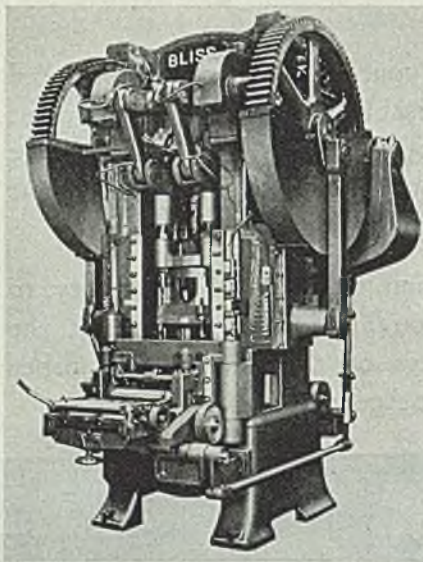
a rack tooth arrangement to locate the chaser in its approximate position. Chaser has rack teeth milled for its full length on off-set seating surface and rack teeth are milled on chaser clamp at end nearest



the chaser cutting edge. When interchanging chasers, chaser is placed on holder in its approximate position and clamped lightly. An adjusting screw which engages the back end of chaser clamp is then used to advance chaser and clamp as a unit to exact position. Elongated slots in chaser clamp permit sufficient lateral movement of clamp slightly greater than pitch of rack.

## Automatic Toggle Press

No. 3½-B toggle drawing press, introduced by E. W. Bliss Co., 53rd street and Second avenue, Brooklyn 32, N. Y., has automatic operation to handle coil brass or steel. The blankholder serves the dual purpose of blanking disks from coil strip and holding blank for drawing operation. Coil stock is fed through a



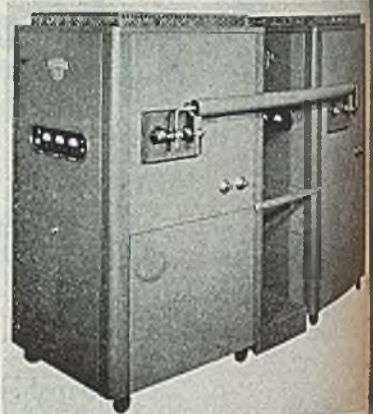
seven roll straightener to remove curvature, a precision double roll feed and a shear type scrap cutter. An automatic stock oiler is attached to the feed as stock lubrication is desirable on drawing operations. Scrap cutter is provided with spring holddown and four edged tool steel blades. Incoming feed rolls and straightening unit are mounted on a vertical pivot so that they can be swung out of the way for insertion of dies. The feed and scrap cutter are driven by elliptical gears.

Press illustrated is a No. 3½-B straight side, single crank toggle drawing press. It is built with a four piece steel tie rod frame construction. Twin driving gears

are employed on the crankshaft. A free drive is furnished on the blankholder. Double gearing is provided. It is also equipped with a pneumatic friction clutch with electric pushbutton control. An air brake is furnished for stopping the flywheel. Flywheel and driveshaft are mounted on Timken roller bearings. Motor bearings are bronze bushed.

## Coaxial Equalizer

By use of the new coaxial equalizer, Induction Heating Corp., 389 Lafayette street, New York 3, has coupled two of their standard model 1070 thermionic induction generators so that full output of

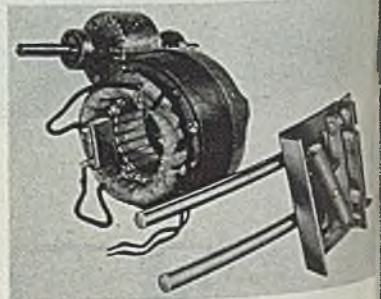


both can be obtained from a single set of terminals. As each generator has an output of 1070 btu per minute, full 400 kw of power is available for use in any desired application with a single control station operating the tandem generator setup.

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## Motor Starting Switch

The new split phase motor starting switch offered by Motor Controls Inc., 469 East Ohio street, Chicago 11, does not use centrifugal action or draw up



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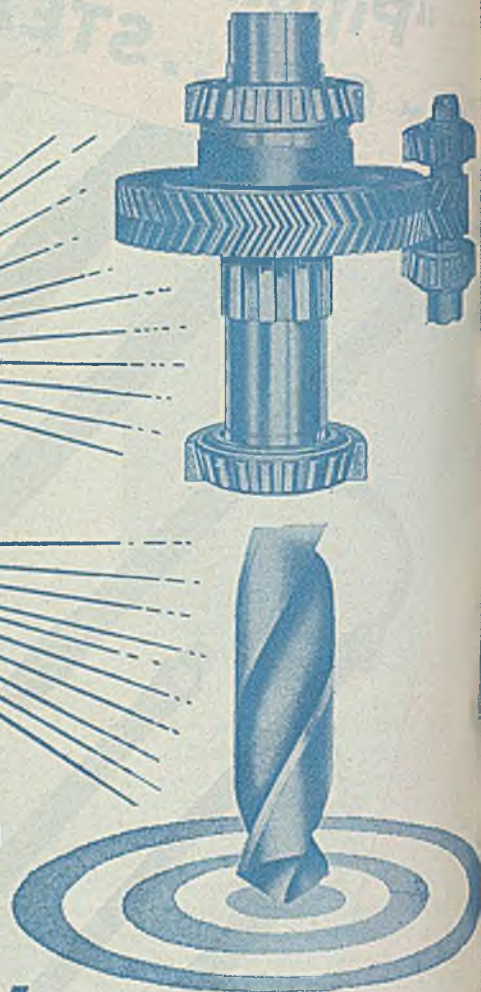
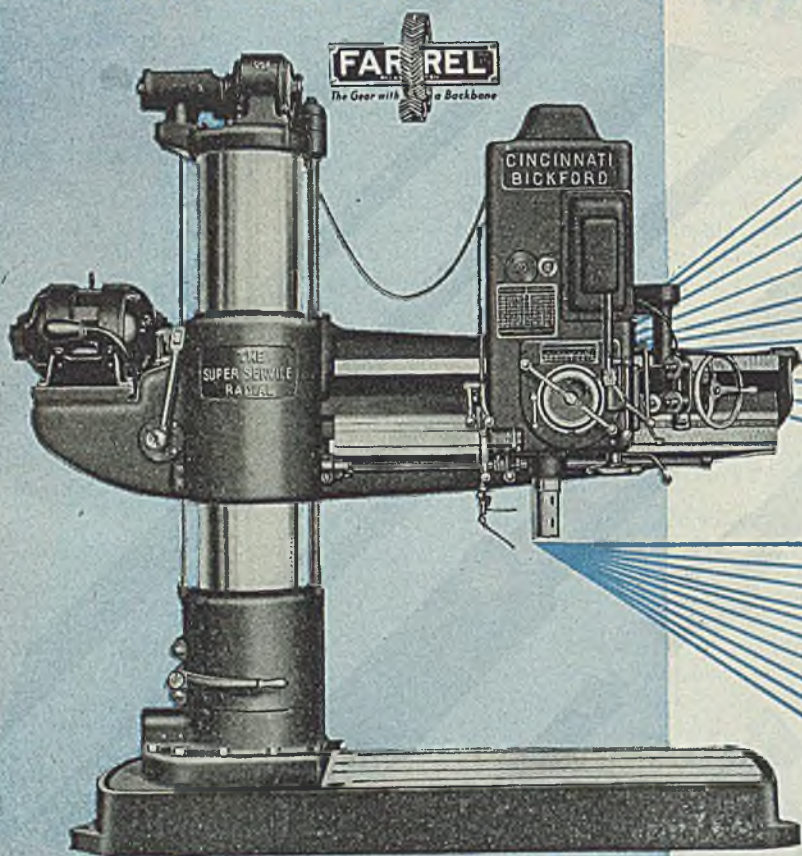
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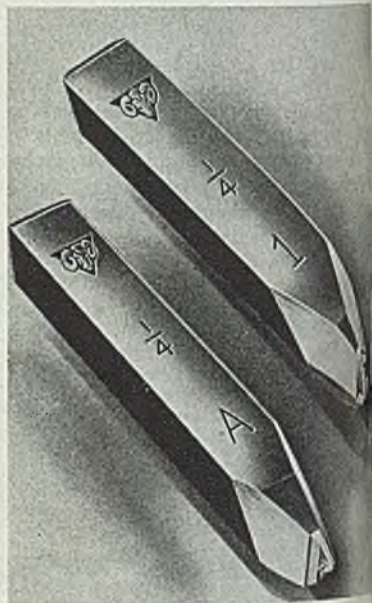
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angles: 49, 59, 69 and 88°. It will bore drills from 3/22 to 1 1/16 in. in diameter and will sharpen short, medium and long twist drills from 1 1/2 in. up to and including 11 in. in length. Recessed angle guides eliminate the need for a protractor in setting for proper point tapers. Four angle feature gives properly ground points for clean fast work in steel, wood or plastics.

**Steel Stamp**

A new steel stamp, developed by Acme Marking Equipment Co., 222 West Fort street, Detroit 16, stamps clear impression without chipped



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**Rotating Seal**

Designated as spring-life Gyro-Seal a new type rotating seal has been developed by Cook Electric Co.,



Southport avenue, Chicago 14. No auxiliary springs are required in the application of this seal as the inherent spring

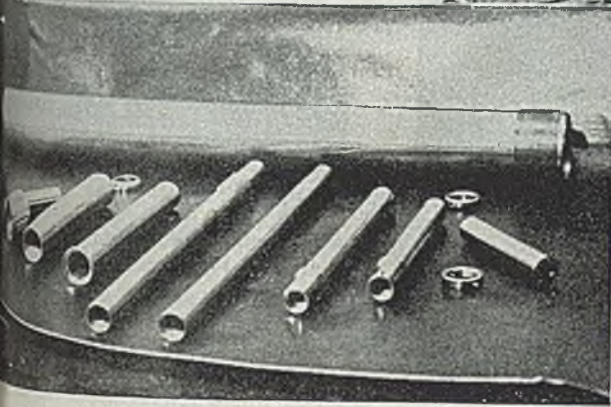
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ABOVE—Trench mortar in action against the Japs. The Infantry's mortar crews have been of inestimable value in the Pacific area in pinning down the enemy and in breaking up his counter attacks. Signal Corps Photo.



LEFT—Ostuco Seamless Steel Tubing parts used in the manufacture of the Army's new-type 60 mm. mortar, built by Kennedy-Van Saun Mfg. and Engineering Corporation, Danville, Pa. and Read Machinery Co., York, Pa. Kennedy-Van Saun photo.

In principle, the Army's new 60 mm. Mortar M5 is a very simple weapon. Just drop a mortar shell down a piece of tubing and it bounces out again . . . like a package of forked lightning. Thanks to an ingenious sighting device and the skill of the 2-man crews who work these "muzzle-loaders," mortar fire is deadly accurate and devastating—

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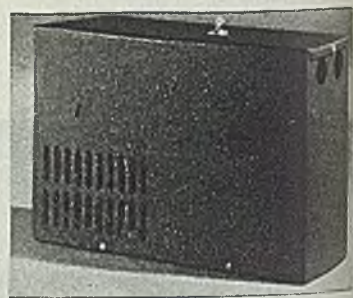
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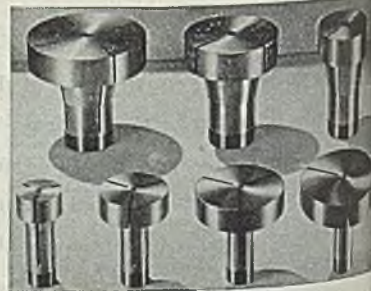
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## Infra-Red Heating

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fers the use of tungsten lamps to carbon filament lamps, because their higher operating temperature affords a more rapid heat transfer. Then, too, he explains that when the carbon filament sublimates (vaporizes), the carbon condenses inside of the lamp globe and there absorbs some of the radiated energy, in raising lamp temperature, speeding further sublimation and reducing lamp life. At the same time, output of radiated energy is continually declining as more and more is absorbed by the carbon deposited on the inside of the lamp, cutting the energy available to heat the work.

Tungsten, on the other hand, sublimes at a much higher temperature. Too, the tungsten lamp is filled with an inert gas usually under a pressure of one atmosphere which further decelerates vaporization tendencies. Fig. 6 diagrammatically illustrates the result in terms of lamp life and efficiency (ratio of energy output to input).

**Reflector Surfaces:** Radiant energy reflected in the same manner as by a mirror but it requires a different type of reflective surface to obtain maximum results. The greatest efficiency of an infra-red lamp is achieved by the use of a reflector which redirects the energy emanating from the heating filament. Tests show that virgin gold reflects 95 per cent of the infra-red energy, polished copper, polished silver, and processed aluminum (91 per cent) follow in that order. Thus, first infra-red reflectors were gold plated for most effective results.

However, after a few months the gold had a tendency to disappear and the surface to become dull. Special cleaners were developed as it was thought abrasive action was removing the gold plate. Even cleaning by this method was developed to avoid any abrasive action. Yet the gold kept on disappearing. Then a gold plating unit was designed with the lamp seal in, similar to the present day sealed-beam headlamp. But the gold continued to disappear.

Chemical analysis disclosed that gold remained in the metal surface and that it had been absorbed in the brass of the reflector. It is a well-known fact that base metals do absorb noble metals. In fact, if clean gold and silver blades are held together under pressure, a dividing line will gradually disappear as they tend to alloy into each other. This effect was occurring in the gold plated reflectors—the gold was dissolving into the brass.

Polished copper and polished silver reflectors were next considered, but these surfaces are rapidly oxidized and cannot be used effectively. Aluminum, however, affords an excellent and permanent reflecting surface when properly processed. The C. M. Hall Lamp Company produces reflectors by vaporizing aluminum



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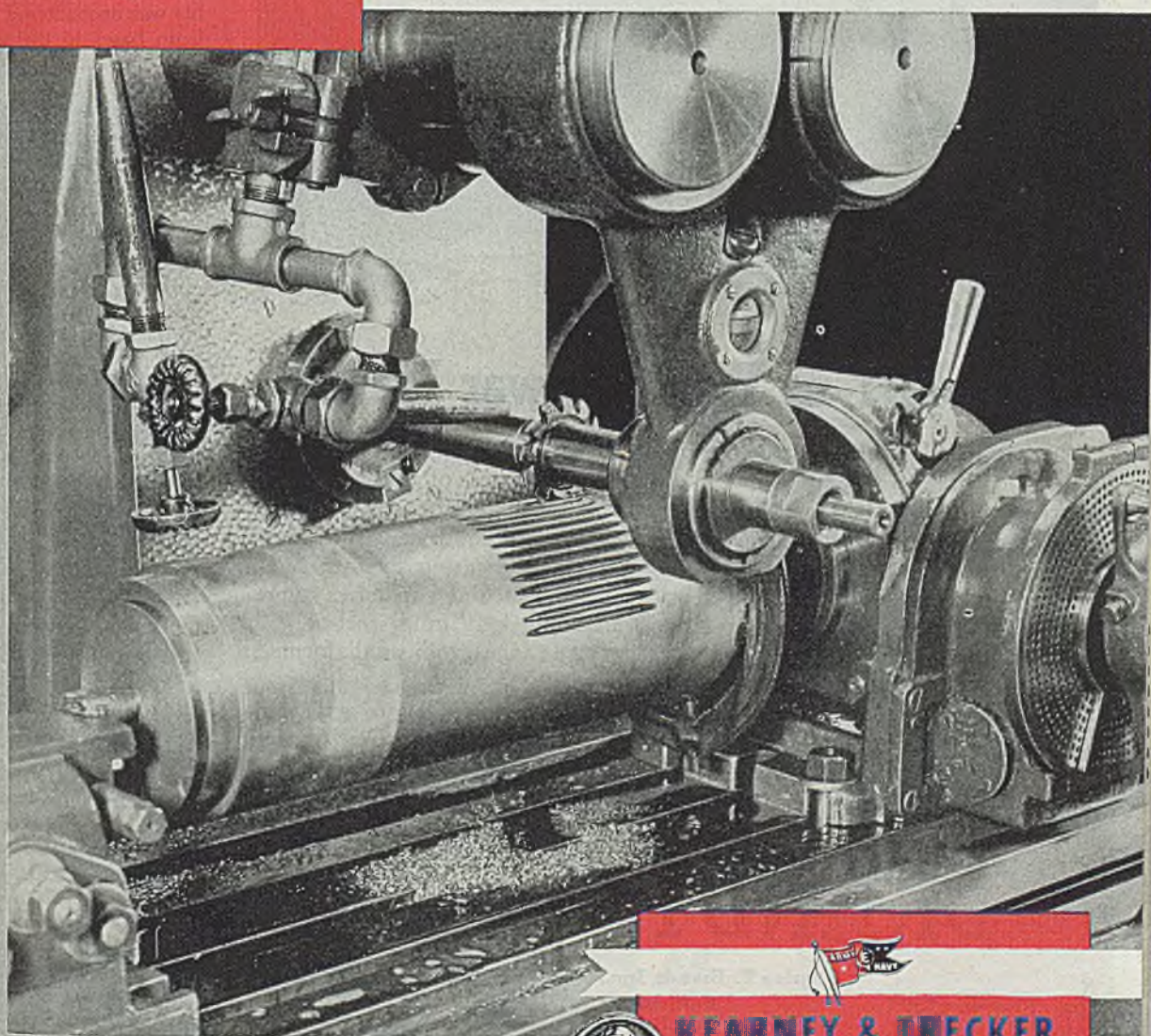
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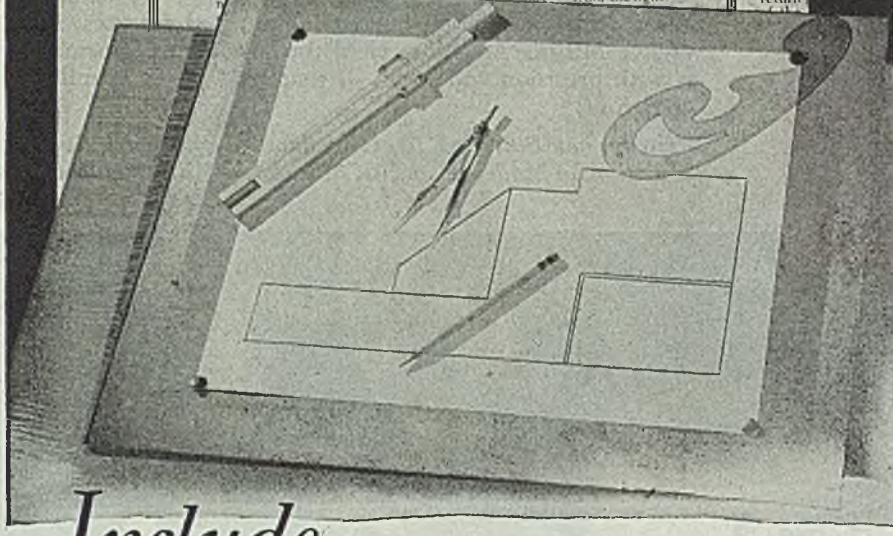
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First reflectors were parabolic in sign. Later an elliptical contour was adopted to get wider distribution of the radiant energy. Today, most reflectors are a modified parabola being positioned in banks or groups to get the heat energy pattern wanted on the work.

During the past few years, the lamp manufacturers have been developing and improving a lamp known as the R-40 which embodies its own reflector. Because of its improvements, this lamp has been enthusiastically received and is expected within a short time to eliminate the need for auxiliary reflector equipment. This R-40 lamp is made in 125, 250 and 375-watt sizes.

**Electrical Accessories:** In early radiant heat equipment considerable trouble was encountered by the fusing of lamp bases to the sockets. In addition, wire connections oxidized and deteriorated rapidly because of being subjected to oven temperatures. All copper wiring materials, it was observed, readily oxidized at such temperatures, reducing their current carrying capacity so much that they eventually became resistors instead of conductors of electric current.

During the course of development, it was found that mounting all electrical current carrying components, lamp reflectors on the outside of the oven wall corrected this trouble because current carrying parts and lamp sockets are kept out of the heated zone. Today infra-red ovens utilize prefabricated standardized panels upon which the infra-red radiant heating units are mounted. Prefabricated standardized panels are employed in the recirculating and exhausting systems. Thus, any arrangement desired can be constructed quickly and simply by assembling prefabricated reflector panels and electrical components on a frame of the required size and shape.

**One Oven—Miscellaneous Work:** Instead of requiring a special radiant heating oven for each size, shape and thickness, Mr. Cusack points out that it is possible to design a single oven to handle an enormous variety of parts. In one installation, 0.026-in. thick sheet metal parts and 1/4-in. castings, 1/2 to 1-in. forgings of various sizes and colors being finished in the same oven. Variations in color, material and type of work can also be accommodated. By employing certain optical principles and by correct utilization of radiant and derived convected heat, it is possible to bake finishes on any shape or size object.

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Since they are light structurally, they can often be mounted overhead or on the wall where the floor space saved for other production operations can amount to a most significant figure. Their compactness allows them to be better coordinated with other processing as they can be built into the production line at any point desired. See Figs. 4, 5, and 7 where a complete dipping and baking installation is mounted overhead.

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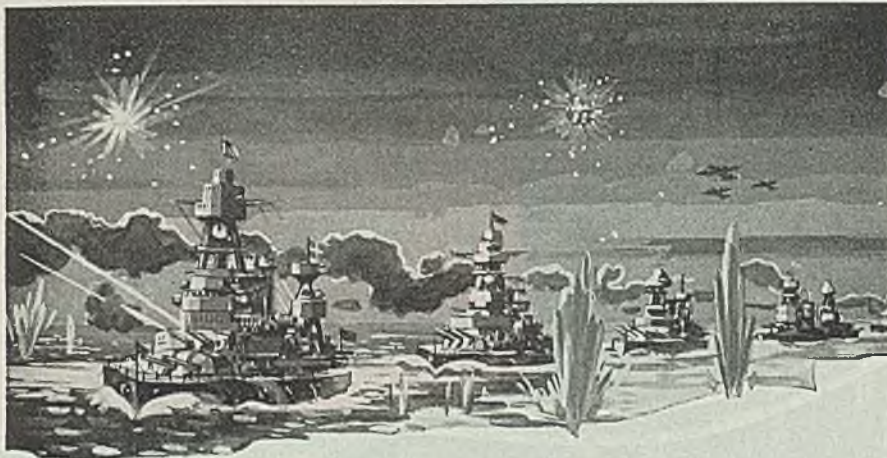
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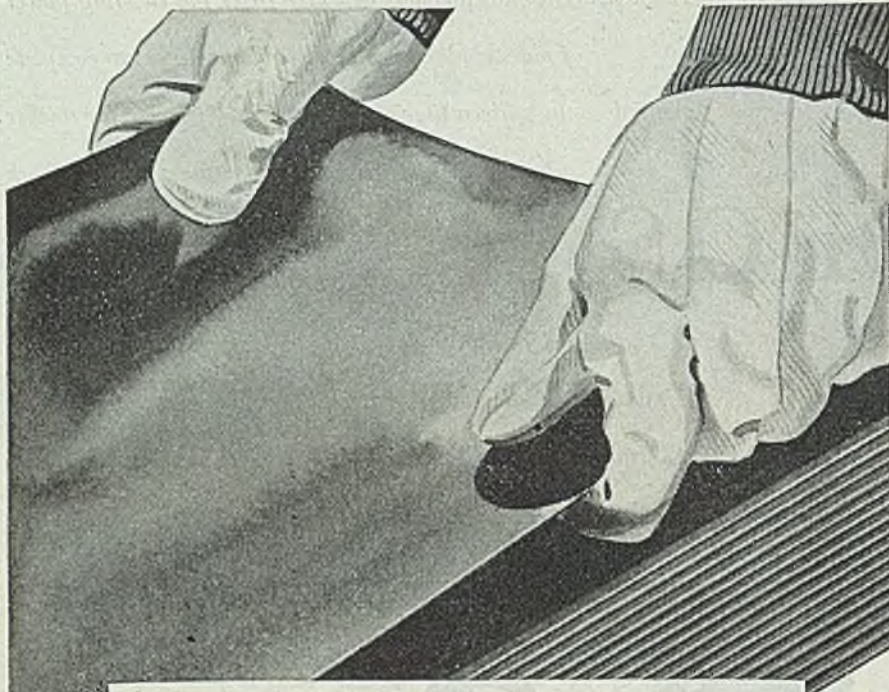


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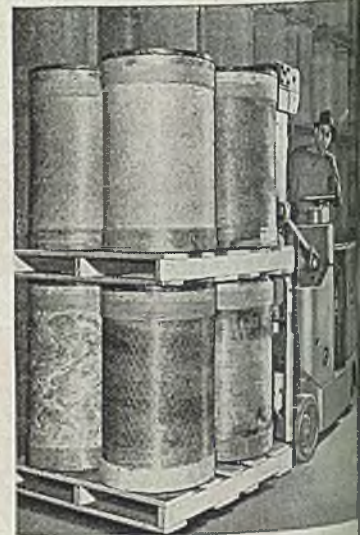
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## 21. Magnetic Ingot Iron

American Rolling Mill Co.—24-page illustrated bulletin "ARMCO Magnetic Ingot Iron for DC Applications" explains properties of this material which is adaptable for electrical and magnetic applications ranging from magnetic cores of cyclotrons to telephone and telegraph wires. Fabrication, machining, welding and other data are included.

## 22. Variable Speed Drive

American Pulley Co.—4-page illustrated bulletin No. SJ-44 presents design and application data on Speed-Jack drives. These variable speed transmission units are adaptable for drivers rated at up to 1 horsepower.

## 23. Pyrometer Controllers

Bristol Co.—16-page illustrated bulletin PB1228 describes Pyromaster pyrometer controllers of electric type. Microact controllers, proportioning controllers and current input controllers are covered. Typical applications, wiring diagrams and other data are presented.

## 24. V-Belts

Diamond Rubber Div., B. F. Goodrich Co.—4-page illustrated folder on Diamond wire grommet V-belts explains construction of these power transmission units and outlines their usefulness in handling difficult transmission problems.

## 25. Bearing Application

New Departure Div., General Motors Corp.—24-page illustrated New Departure engineering service data book is part I of series on fundamentals of ball bearings. Entitled "Bearing Application", this manual deals with principal ball bearing types and fundamentals of mounting.

## 26. High Frequency Heating

American Type Founders—4-page illustrated bulletin describes ATF Hi-Frequency converter for induction heating applications. Available in 15 and 30-kilowatt capacities, these units are adaptable for brazing, soldering, hardening, annealing, melting and normalizing.

## 27. Lathe Converter

Master Mfg. Co.—78-page illustrated catalog No. 10 is combination operating and maintenance manual and spare parts catalog on Master lathe converters which include basic milling units, internal and external grinding heads, 90-degree milling head, internal key-seater, arbors, dividing head and other accessories. With these attachments, wide range of machining operations can be performed on lathe.

## 28. Nonmagnetic Steel

American Manganese Steel Div., American Brake Shoe Co.—32-page illustrated bulletin No. 1144-NM is entitled "Non-Magnetic Applications for Amsco Manganese Steel." Properties and typical uses of this material are covered.

## 29. Gear Finishing

Colonial Tool Co., Ltd.—8-page illustrated bulletin No. E-45 describes specialized line of rotary and rack type gear finishing cutters, laps, burnishers and master checking gears. Information is given to assure selection of correct tool for specific type of work.

## 30. Drum Dryers

Louisville Drying Machinery Co.—8-page illustrated bulletin No. 250 describes General American drum dryers for removing moisture from liquid materials to obtain dry products. Dimensions of various units are listed.

## 31. Flash Welding

American Welding & Mfg. Co.—4-page illustrated folder entitled "Flash Welding—A Solution to Assembly of Forged Parts" describes advantage of this method. Typical assemblies are shown.

## 32. Chemical Products

Hercules Powder Co.—48-page illustrated bulletin "Labors of War for Peace" contains series of full-color reprints of advertisements which review products developed by company and which have profound effect on living conditions and on industrial progress.

## 33. Hose Clamps

George K. Garrett Co.—4-page illustrated bulletin No. 110 shows typical applications Diamond Multi-Clamps for automotive, draulic, pneumatic, aviation and general hose connection service. Sizes and prices listed.

## 34. Color in Industry

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.—24-page illustrated bulletin "Color Dynamics" emphasizes scientific utilization of energy in color to promote efficiency in industry. Selection of color for various parts of machines and layout industrial plants to minimize fatigue accidents is outlined. Applications to walls and ceilings, floors and aisles are described and shown.

## 35. Hydraulic Valves

Galland-Henning Mfg. Co.—16-page illustrated bulletin No. 88-A describes the Nopak valves for control of air, water, oil pressures up to 250 pounds per square inch and hydraulic valves for pressures up to 1000 pounds per square inch. Models are shown all types of control application.

## 36. Industrial Brushes

Fuller Brush Co.—62-page illustrated bulletin No. 10 describes line of brushes for maintenance and other purposes in industrial plants. Brooms, floor brushes, scrub brushes, bench brushes, whisk brushes and other types are listed.

## 37. Welded Assemblies

Ampco Metal, Inc.—4-page illustrated bulletin No. 67 describes facilities of company producing assemblies made of bronze castings or extruded parts welded with Ampco Trode aluminum bronze weld rod. Typical assemblies are shown.

## 38. Magnesium Castings

Superior Bearing Bronze Co.—4-page illustrated bulletin "Magnesium Castings" contains facts for design engineers and production men on design and application of products made of this metal. Comparative properties of magnesium and other structural metals are tabulated.

## 39. Gas Analysis Apparatus

Burrell Technical Supply Co.—96-page illustrated catalog No. 80 contains complete information on gas analysis apparatus. Included is technical section which serves as manual for gas analysis. All apparatus is described and details are presented on proper use of equipment.

## 40. Electric Products

BullDog Electric Products Co.—84-page illustrated condensed catalog No. 451 presents tails on complete line of safety switches, panels, wire and cable duct, lighting panels, fuse panels, switchboards, circuit breakers and similar electric products.

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Claud S. Gordon Co.—9-page illustrated broadside on "McKee Eclipse Heat Treating Equipment" describes pot furnace atmosphere type burners, oven and shop furnaces, melt units and other heat treating and auxiliary combustion equipment.

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## 43. War Products

American Machine & Metals, Inc.—12-page illustrated booklet "1944 in Review" tells story of operations of company in production of implements of war and machinery and equipment to be used in manufacture of weapons, munition, medicines, food, clothing and other equipment and supplies used by armed forces.

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About 1400 types of nails generally are made. The Pittsburg Works wire mill produces 1200 varieties of them, indicating the tremendous diversity of work at Columbia Steel. The range of nails produced is from 1/8-in. diameter by 8-in. to 22-gage (0.028-in.) diameter by 1 1/2-in. There are 189 nail machines with a speed range from 115 to 600 rpm. All the newer machines (about 100) have individual motor drives.

After cutting, the nails are delivered to the nail finishing department for the removal of whiskers, cleaning and packing. The cleaning equipment is most efficient.

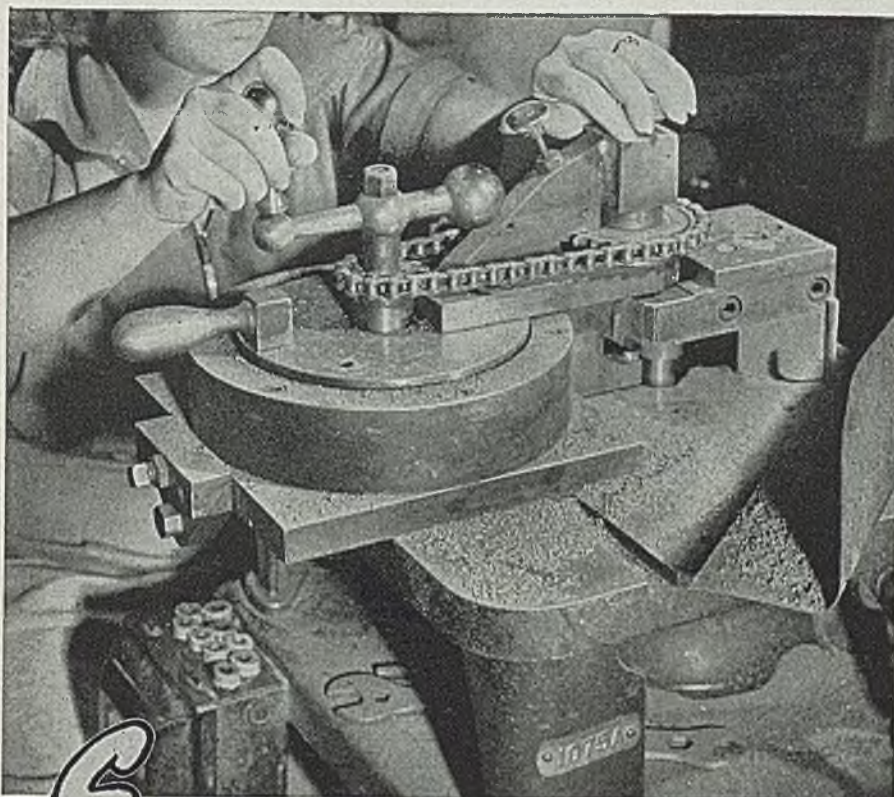
Each cleaning unit consists of a mechanical loading skip hoist, a wet cleaning drum in which the nails are cleaned in a hot caustic solution and their whiskers removed through the tumbling action, and drying drums heated to 200°F and containing sawdust. These drums discharge onto a small shaker where the sawdust is removed by vacuum action, and thence to a large shaker where the nails are shaken down into kegs for space saving. The system is operated by continuous conveyor — as one batch is removed from the shaker drum, it is reloaded with another. A normal batch is 40 kegs of 100 lb

**Nails Carried By Conveyor**

The nails are to be cement coated, they are taken by separate conveyor to the small shaker to the coating drum, and thence back to the large shaker table for packing. After the nails have been loaded in kegs, they are placed on a power-driven conveyor and delivered to the exact weighing scales. The kegs are then placed on the conveyor, and by other conveyor they are fed to the steel shaper machine and loaded onto the steel kegs holding 25 to 30 kegs. Removed from these by an electric high lift fork truck after head nailing, the kegs move to storage, each pallet being double ended and racked five high.

Columbia Steel has placed kegmaking on a production line basis. Staves, heads and steel chimes are bought outside. The hoops for the kegs being made in plant. The components are assembled by hand on setup benches and then on a conveyor. Chimes are placed at each end of the keg, the wire hoops are installed around the body and the wire is automatically fed into the trussing machine for exact placement of chimes and hoops.

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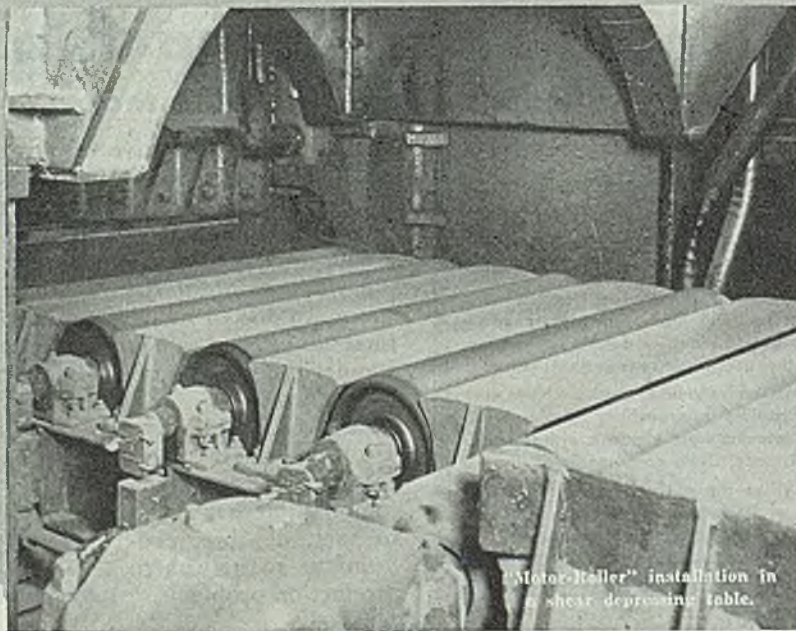
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Blue nails are sterilized at 600° F. These are used principally by lathers and tackers where they must be sterile and the user will "mouth" them. This sterilization is accomplished in the blue furnace, serviced by skip hoist. From it, work goes into a cooling drum on a conveyor and on to the keg filling mechanism.

### Nails Made By Hot Rumbling

Galvanized nails are made by hot rumbling. This equipment consists of a furnace with a rotating shell having internal vanes for direction of agitation. This hot-rumble shell is charged with cold nails and rumbled while heated with flake zinc and flux (sal ammoniac). Shells for this purpose are made in the company's foundry. The nail charge is 300 lb. The rotation is horizontal. The cycle is 10 to 12 min. After cooling the nails are discharged on to a conveyor belt running into flowing water from there to a drying drum with sawdust. They are finally discharged on the shaker table where the sawdust is removed by vacuum suction and then after the nails are kegged. The flake zinc is prepared at the galvanizing station in an independent furnace derived from pig spelter.

The wire mill maintains a small package department for brads, tacks and head nails, making packages from 100 down to 2-oz packages.

The capacity of the local nail mill house is 250,000 kegs, Columbia being the largest producer of nails on the West Coast. The demand in this section is heavy because of the large requirements in crating vegetables and fruit. The wire specialty department of the mill consists of facilities for straightening and cutting; making woven wire for poultry and fish trap netting, barbed and twisted wire, and springs.

The wire rope mill, housed in a 100,000 building, went into production in 1940. Here are produced many varieties of wire rope from the smallest of 1/8 diameter 7 x 7-construction aircraft cable to a maximum of 3-in. diameter 8 x 19 construction steel wire rope. Constructions such as 6 x 7, 6 x 19, 6 x 37 (hot and galvanized), track cables, communication and galvanized strands, sounding line, and stone sawing strand are typical of the output of this mill.

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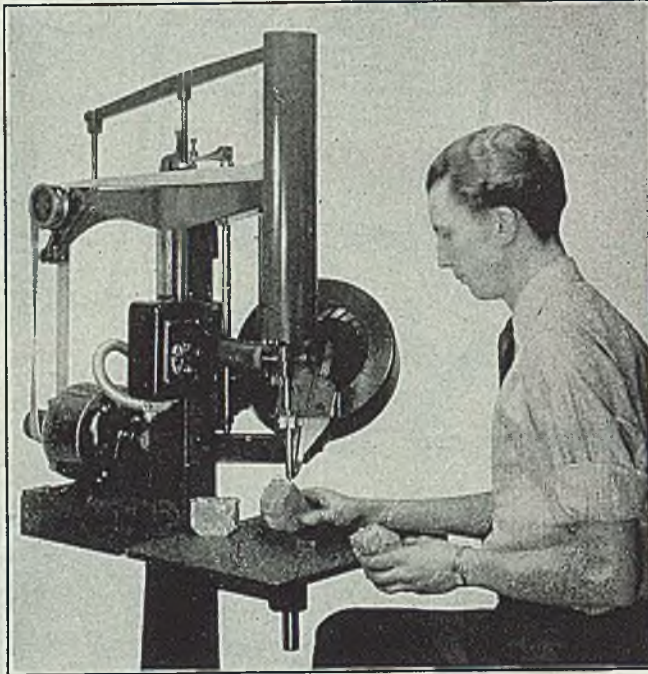
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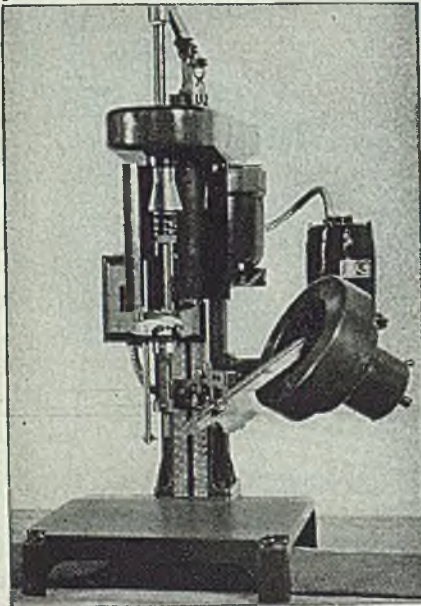
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The mill is equipped with an 18-cradle vertical planetary layer having six cradles, which is used for laying 6-strand ropes of 1 1/2 to 3 in. diameter. Six eight-strand ropes from 5/8 to 1 1/4 in. diameter are laid in a 15-ton horizontal layer having nine cradles. Special ropes are laid on a 7-ton horizontal machine having a 40-ton capacity. All 6 and 8-strand ropes from 3/8 to 1/2-inch diameter, inclusive, are laid in a 9-cradle horizontal tubular machine which is used as both a stranding machine and layer.

After the strands have been laid on rope at the layers the finished rope, which has been automatically spooled on wire reels during the laying operation, is moved by overhead crane to the shipping department, from where it is shipped by rail or truck to its destination. The wire rope housing department, is equipped for cutting the rope, re-reeling, and splicing. Wire rope slings of all types are made to customer's order.

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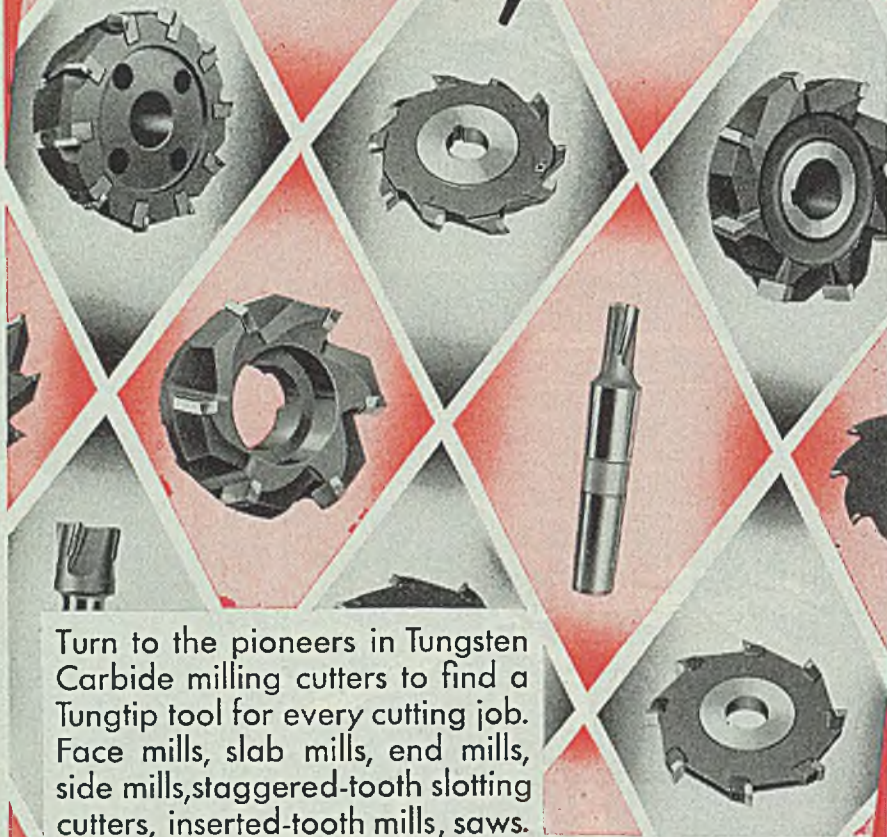
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## Dynamometer Tests Airplane Tires and Brakes

A dynamometer for testing airplane tires and brakes has a total weight more than 250 tons and took more than 1½ years to construct and install. Most of the electrical equipment to operate this machine, made by Adamson Manufacturing Co., Akron, O., is manufactured by Westinghouse Electric Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa.

The heart of this equipment, a 13-ton wheel, is called an inertia wheel due to its resistance to change. On the front and rear of the wheel is a mounting axle for an airplane wheel, so connected with compressed air cylinders that each can be smashed into the tire of the wheel with terrific force.

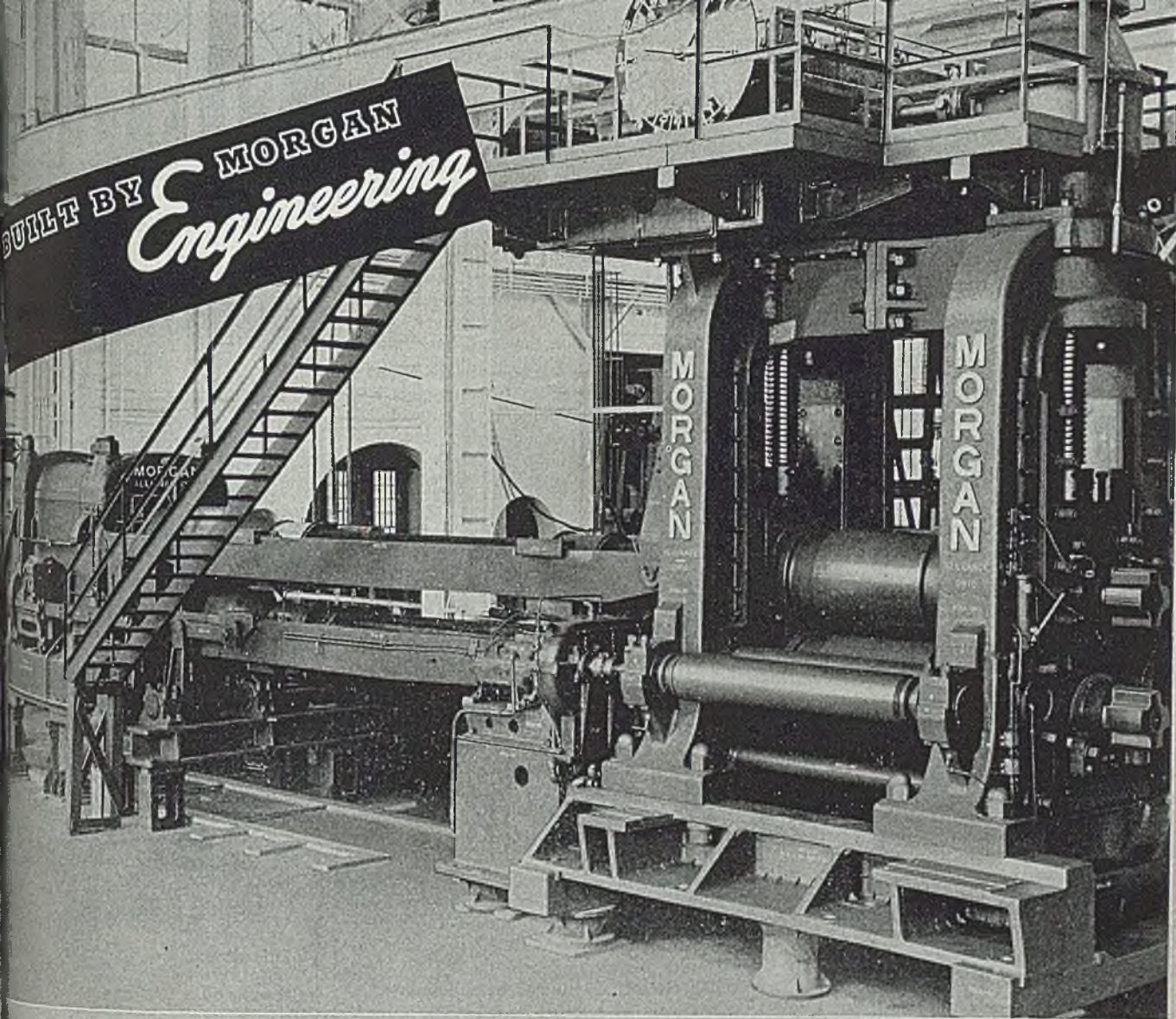
Outside the caged chamber in which the tests are conducted a large amount of electrical equipment goads the inertia of the immense wheel and sets it spinning at its rapid pace. Directly driving the axle on which the wheel is mounted is a 400 hp dc motor. It operates for a period of about 30 minutes to get the circular mass moving at a speed of 308 rpm. At this speed, engineers estimate, the wheel, if freed from its moorings, would crash through steel and brick structure which it would smash and roll on for several miles, flattening trees and houses and anything in its path.

This tire and brake testing machine was designed as an accurate simulation of airplane landing conditions. It simulates the forward speed of the airplane as it comes in for a landing. The force with which the tire and braking equipment are smashed against the inertia wheel approximates the drop of a landing gear. The simulation on this laboratory tester is projected into the future, for the test on tires and brakes is more severe than tests under actual landing conditions.

Under the concrete floor of the craft laboratory which supports the inertia wheel are tunnels carrying water, oil pipes and air lines. Removal of the floor plates reveals a room with tanks of compressed air as well as other equipment subsidiary to the operation of the tester. The 8-ton steel shaft carrying the inertia wheel was forged and rayed for possible flaws and given a series of tests.

Electrical equipment to give power to the equipment it motivates surrounds the caged dynamometer. Alternately, it current operates a 450 hp motor driven by a 300-kw generator which changes the





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Above is shown a Morgan 36" Two-High Blooming Mill on erecting floor. Housings are one piece steel castings of the closed top type. Top roll balance is of the counterweight type. Top roll lift sufficient for rolling 42" wide slabs. Manipulator is of the overhead type, compact and accessible. Tables are of heavy design, equipped with anti-friction bearings.

With this Mill was furnished Auxiliary Equipment as follows—Front and Rear Tables with Manipulator—Approach Table—Ingot Buggy—Runout Tables—Slab Shear with Gauge—Crop Hoist—Pushers—Conveyor—Skid Bed and Furnace Tables.



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Presented as a practical aid in the solution of many common grinding problems. Readers are invited to send in their own grinding questions, without obligation. All questions will be answered by mail or in this column.

Continued from Previous Issues

**24 a.** "How many different kinds of coolants are there? It seems to me there is a new one every day."

A. There are a great many different brands of grinding fluids or coolants and no doubt all of them differ in one way or another. Basically, however, all grinding fluids can be classified somewhere within the following types: (1) Plain water; (2) plain soap solutions; (3) straight mineral oils; (4) plain water and sodium carbonate; (5) emulsions of oil and water; (6) emulsions of paste compounds.

**25 a.** "What is meant by the term 'outboard roller support' method in infeed centerless grinding?"

A. The term outboard roller support method in infeed centerless grinding is applied to work where the piece is longer than the width of the wheels and is ground but a short distance from the ends. The protruding end of the work is supported by the means of rollers which are generally outside the machine. These rollers are called "infeed roller work rests" and are considered a part of the fixture. The operation cycle is the same as for ordinary infeed grinding.

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nating to direct current to operate the 400 hp motor connected with the shaft of the inertia wheel.

Behind this operation a Rot-o-trol regulator determines power needs for continuous acceleration and regulates the electrical drive so as to provide a constant accelerating force. It can be used for regenerative braking, a process in which motors are connected to become generators acting to retard the speed of the inertia wheel. It also automatically keeps voltages in the motor and generator the same so that power, once cut off, can be connected back again while the inertia wheel is still in motion.

Large panels of switchgear give operating engineers fingertip control of the equipment. Other panels show engineers the ability of the brake to stop the bomber and the wire to withstand wear and tear.

This equipment with its 16-ft. inertia wheel is said to be capable of testing tires and braking wheels even larger than those in common use today.

## Lightweight Plastic Bands Support 30-Ton Plane

A few pounds of Lucite methyl methacrylate resin will support as much as 30 tons of aircraft, according to the manufacturer, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. Inc., Wilmington 98, Del. Circular bands of the product, 3 in. in diameter, 1/4-in. thick, and 3 in. wide, were designed by the San Bernardino, Calif. Air Technical Service Command to protect intricate mechanisms of landing gear on stored planes. Bands consist of two half-circles of Lucite, held together in assembly by a wrap lock.

Clamped around the plunger of the landing gear strut, band acts as a stop, supporting the weight of the plane and preventing the hydraulic piston from resting against the cylinder head as hydraulic pressure of landing gear is deflated. This prevents damage to the piston and cylinder and jamming of packing. Strength of the plastic is said to assure its holding up the weight of the plane and its transparency to permit checking of hydraulic fluid.

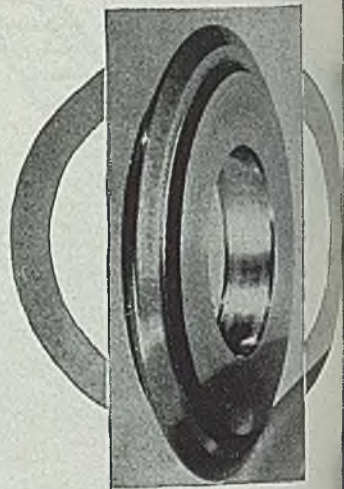
## Electric Equipment Improves Mining Operations

Electric mining equipment is being manufactured by General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y., for Maumee Collieries Co.'s new open pit coal mine near Jasonville, Ind. Totalling the equivalent of approximately 7000 hp, this operating machinery will be installed in one of the world's largest draglines and will make possible open cut mining at a depth of from 40 to 70 ft.

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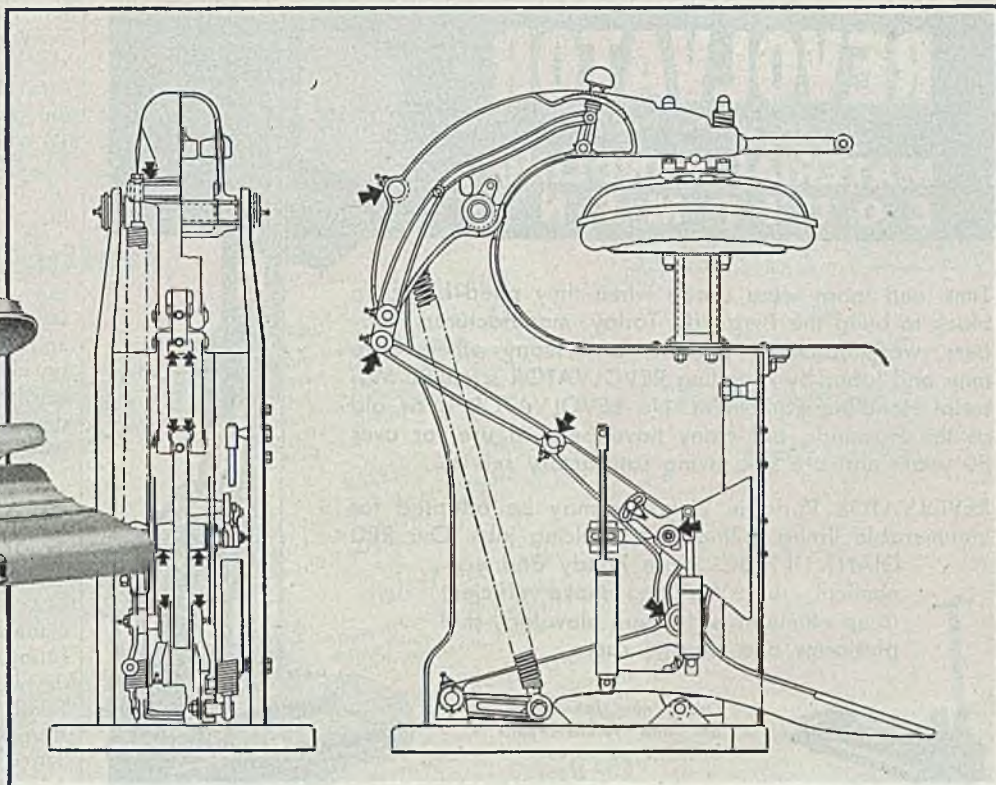
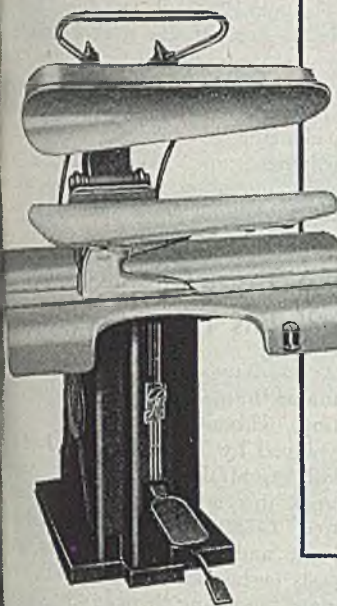
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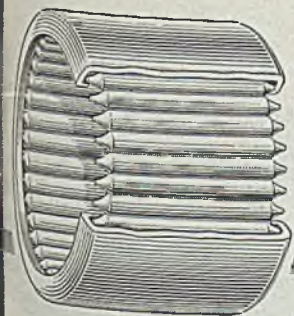
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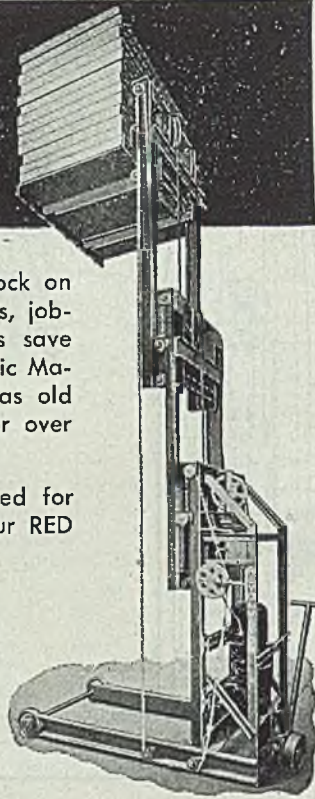
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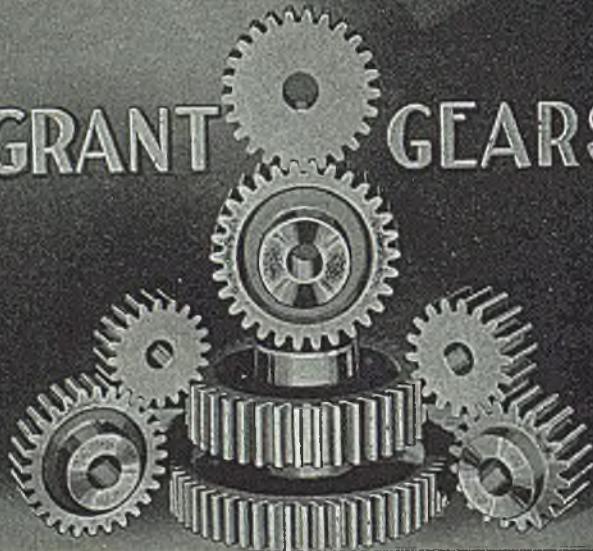
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## Two-Stage Chemical Method Reclaims Torch Burner Tips

A two-stage chemical method for reclaiming burner tips and welding torch fittings without manual labor has been developed by Turco Products Inc., 618 South Central avenue, Los Angeles. Burner tips and fittings are soaked in Turco L-780, a liquid material with solvent and penetrating actions, which digests carbon and gum deposits, softening and loosening them so that they can be freely rinsed away. Material is not corrosive to copper and brass, is non-inflammable, and mixes readily with water. It is used at room temperature in an ordinary steel tank or container. Overnight soaking is said to be sufficient to loosen and soften carbon and gum. After soaking, parts are rinsed clean with a vigorous air and water spray.

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## Use of Soaps in Ore Concentration Described

U. S. Patent 2,364,778, granted to E. H. Brown and F. X. Tartaron, illustrates the value of soaps in froth flotation methods for concentrating ores. It describes methods of concentrating finely divided oxidized iron ores in which the gangue ingredient is principally quartz. This consists of treating an aqueous pulp of such an ore with an anionic collecting agent. Included in suitable agents for this purpose are soaps in fatty acids or resin acids. Co-solubilizing agents, like lime and acid-treatable starch solutions, also are used. Ore thus treated is subjected to froth flotation and the silica-containing froth is

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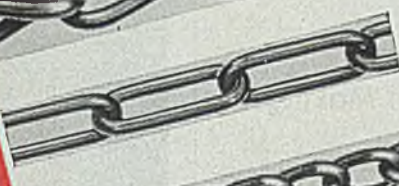
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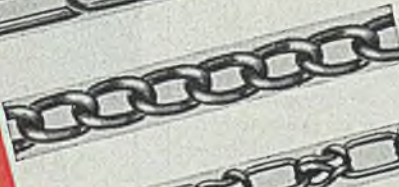
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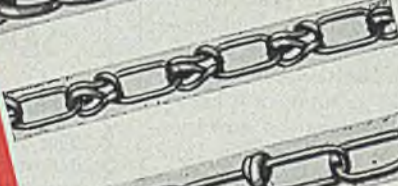
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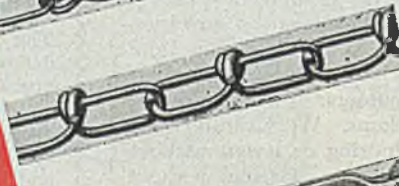
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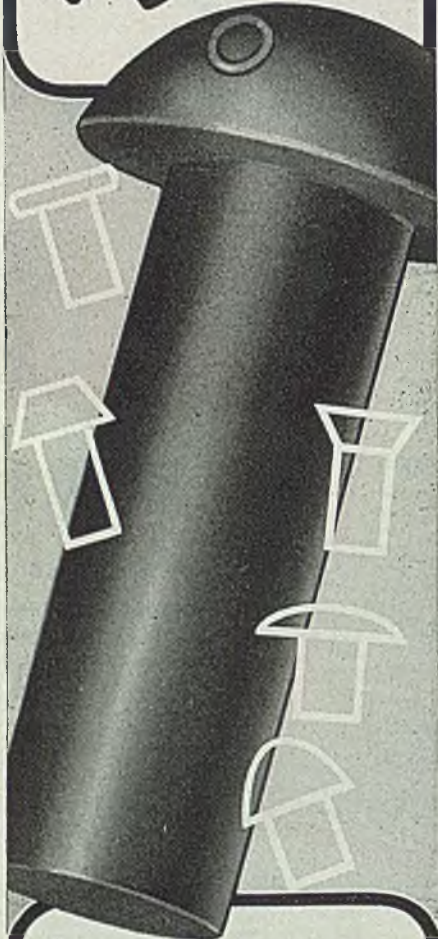
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## Contour Developer Facilitates Model Making

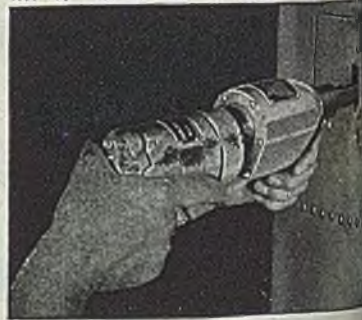
Making plastic models or molds of contour parts is facilitated by mechanical equipment developed on the West Coast and is used for replacing methods requiring a high degree of skill, according to Production Information, published by Automotive Council for War Production, War Products Division, New Center Building, Detroit 2. Equipment is known as the Contour Developer, a precision tool which helps to translate data from layouts or lofts into a physical representation of part contours. It also is used in developing mockups. Work can be done directly from drawing or layout without making accurate measurements, as all dimensions or contours are scaled directly from drawing. This method offers a saving in time compared to former methods.

Principal piece of equipment involved consists of a base surface plate with a large cut-out and with edges accurately scaled to permit proper positioning of frames containing a series of adjustable contour points. Layout or photographic reproduction of metal loft is located on a set-up table, and drawing is referenced to a base line by two angle surface plates. On top of the drawing the frame assembly containing contour points is clamped into position against angle surface plates. Contour points are set to the contour line by the operator with a movable angle surface plate. A feature of equipment is that movable angle can have attached to its face a strip of metal the exact thickness of the sheet used for the finished product, so resulting plaster model for a die will be compensated for metal thickness.

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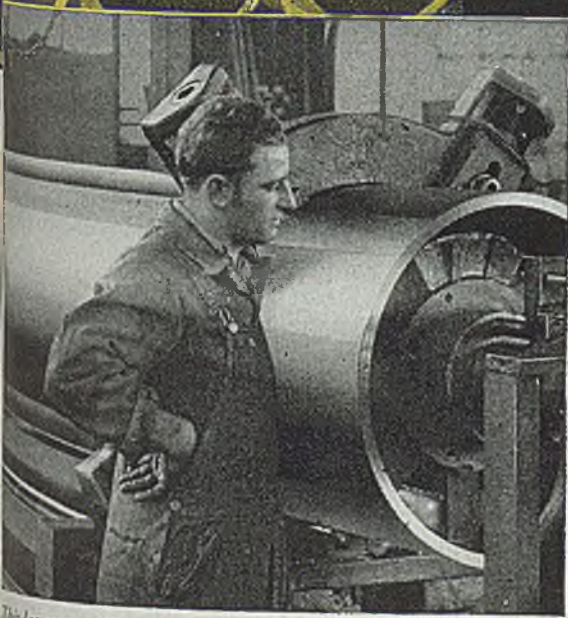
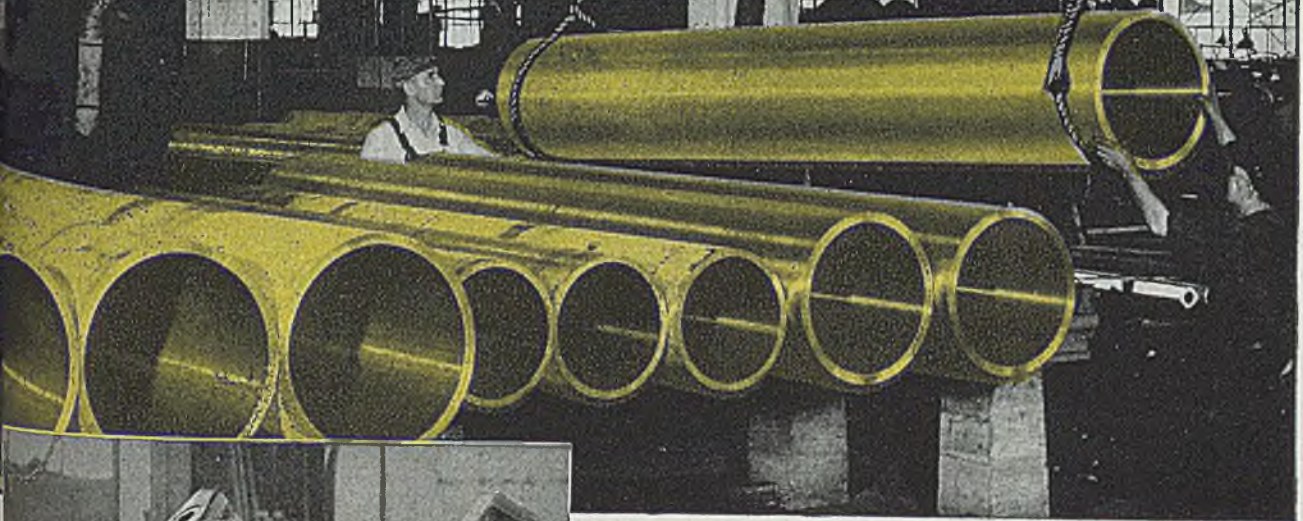
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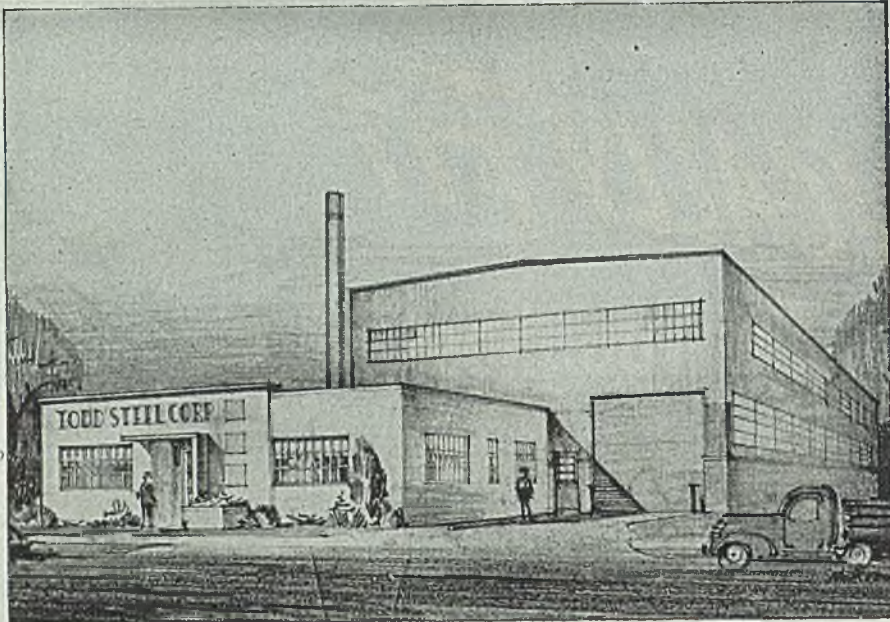
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Plaster or Hydrocal then is poured into clay mold and, after it has shrunk, a base is attached to plaster cast. Before removing cast from mold, contour lines are scribed in the plaster and accuracy of the base itself can be checked and controlled. Cast is removed from the mold and put on the fairing table. Indented impressions caused by protruding points are daubed with a contrasting color to guide in fairing operation. Plaster is faired by using spoke splines or thin metal splines until only very small dots of paint remain, showing where contour points came in contact with plaster. Splines and thick crayon are used in a manner similar to the blending and scraping operation used in finishing other surfaces. Plaster scrapes off easily, leaving a hard, smooth precision surface.

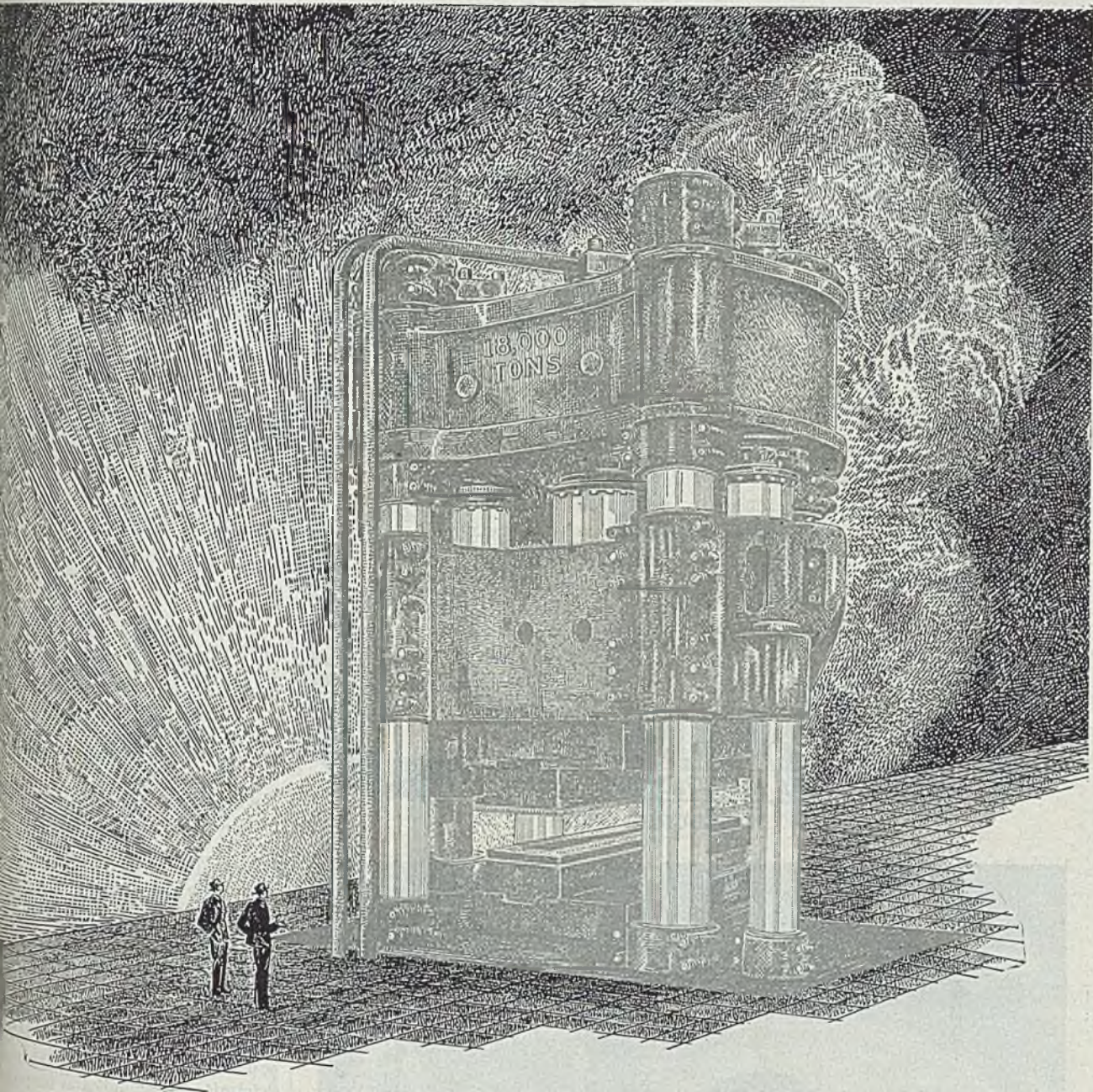
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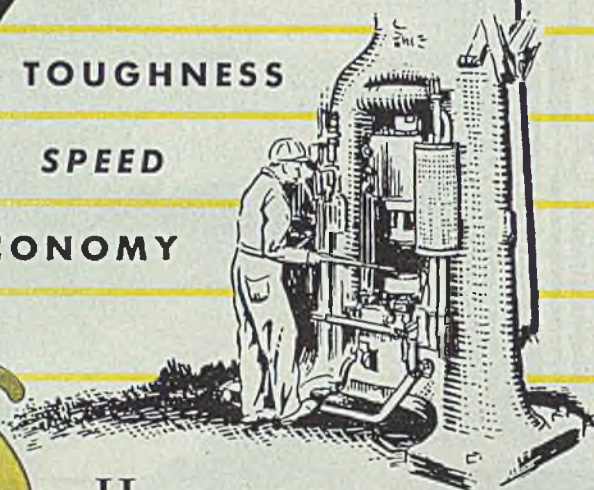
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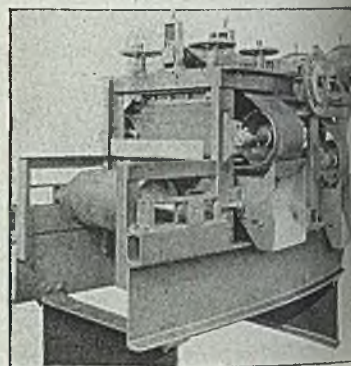
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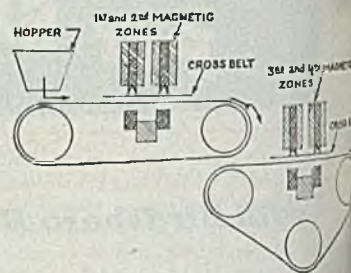
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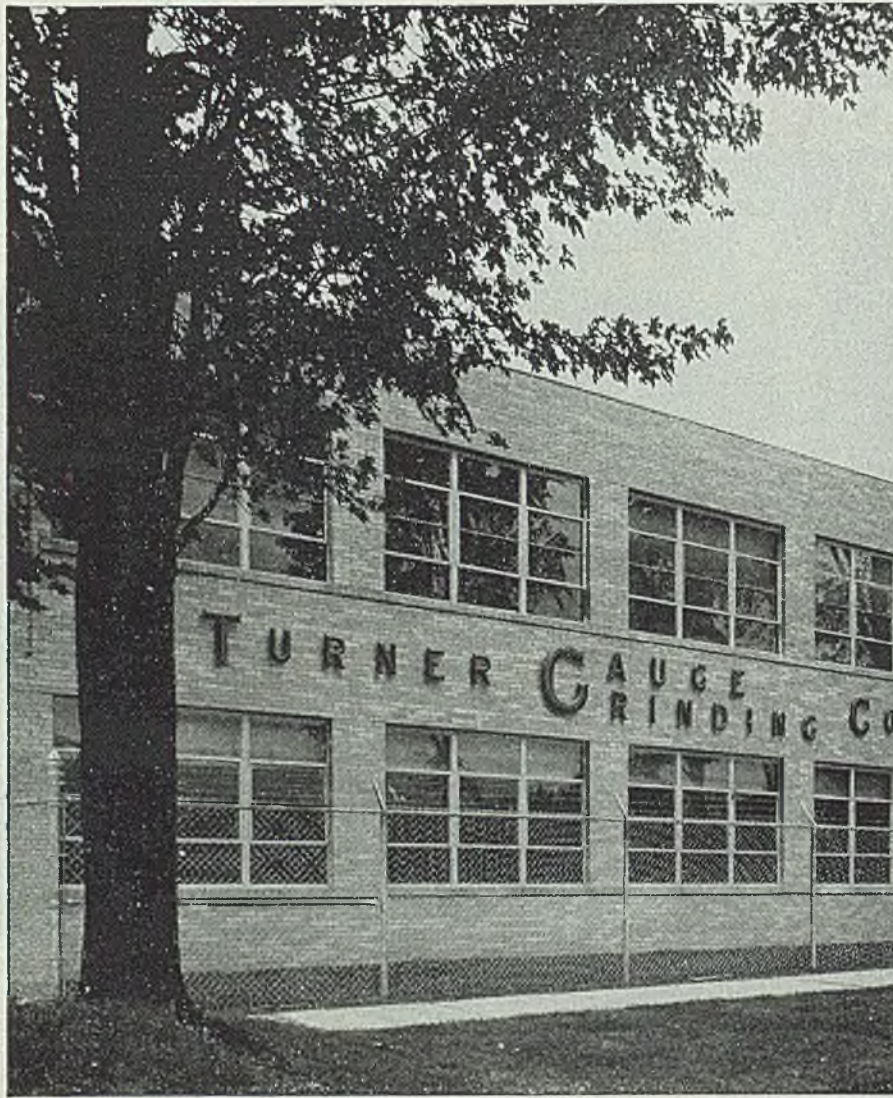
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### TRANSMISSIONS

By Drive-All Mfg. Co., 3400 Conant avenue, Detroit 14. (A 40-page catalog, with illustrations and drawings.)

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### AUTOMATIC GLUE POT

By Kindt-Collins Co., 12651 Elmwood avenue, Cleveland 11. (A 2-color leaflet, No. B-4, with illustrations and graphs.)

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### INDUSTRIAL SERVICE

By Sam Tour & Co. Inc., 44 Third Place, New York 6. (A 2-color illustrated folder.)

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By Ohio Nut & Bolt Co., Berea, O. An 11-page folder.)

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### PROPELLER PUMP

By Fairbanks, Morse & Co., Pomona Pump Division, Pomona, Calif.

(A 6-page, 2-color bulletin, AQB500.1, illustrated.)

Illustrates construction of the Niagara propeller pump, with low lift and large capacity, gives specifications and lists several applications.

### INSULATING BRICK

By Harbison-Walker Refractories Co., Farmers Bank building, Pittsburgh 22. (Folder.)

Entitled "Five Insulating Brick of Prime Importance to Refractories Users," folder contains information on development of insulating fire brick to achieve proper balance between the interrelated properties of strength and thermal efficiency. Attainment of light weight without sacrifice of mechanical strength necessary to insure minimum loss through breakage is explained.

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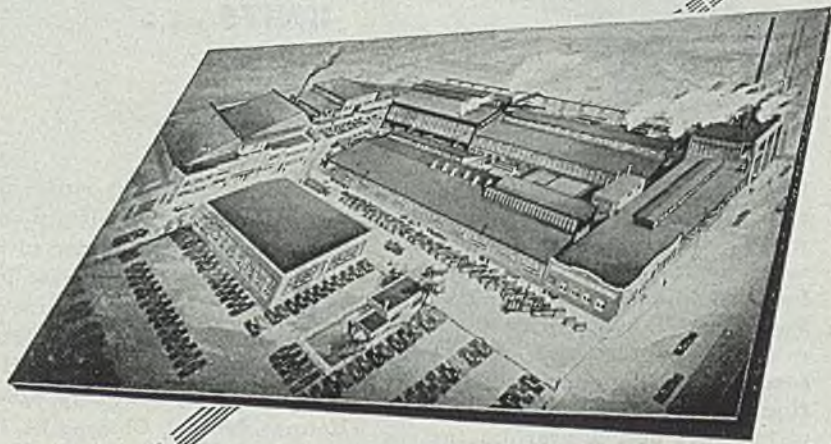
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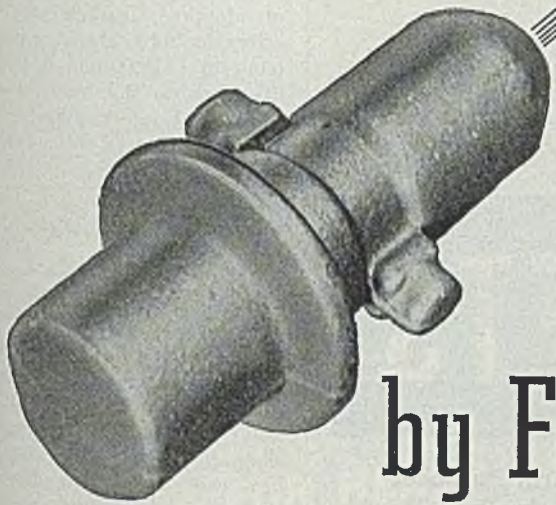
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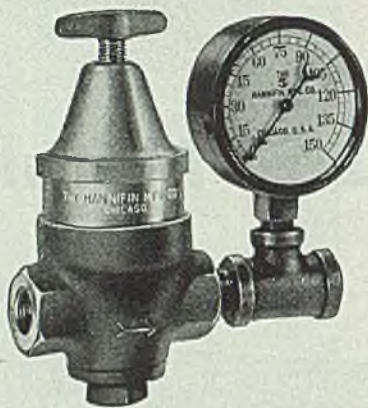
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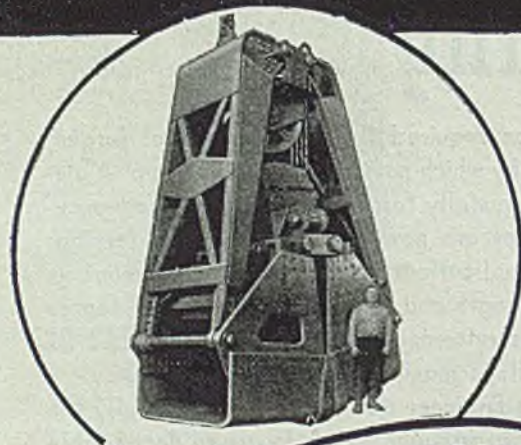
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By Ampco Metal Inc., Milwaukee 4. (Illustrated bulletin, No. 59.)

Contains photomicrographs, data physical properties and chemical compositions of the Ampcoloy series bronze alloys with controlled analysis. Ampcoloy alloys include aluminum bronze, high lead bronze, tin bronze, manganese bronze, beryllium copper, high conductivity alloys. Series is produced to quality standards, with meeting government specifications.

**HOB CONTOUR CHECKER**

By Michigan Tool Co., 7171 East Nichols road, Detroit 12. (Bulletin No. 464-45.)

Describes Model 464 Sine-Line type checker for contours of hobs ranging up to 6 in. OD with a maximum length of 8½ in. Checker is said to assure that hobs for the same job will produce gear of identical characteristics by locating errors in hobs, checking contour of teeth to 1/10,000-in. A sine-bar is used to eliminate the necessity of having a number of interchangeable angle blocks for different pressure angles.

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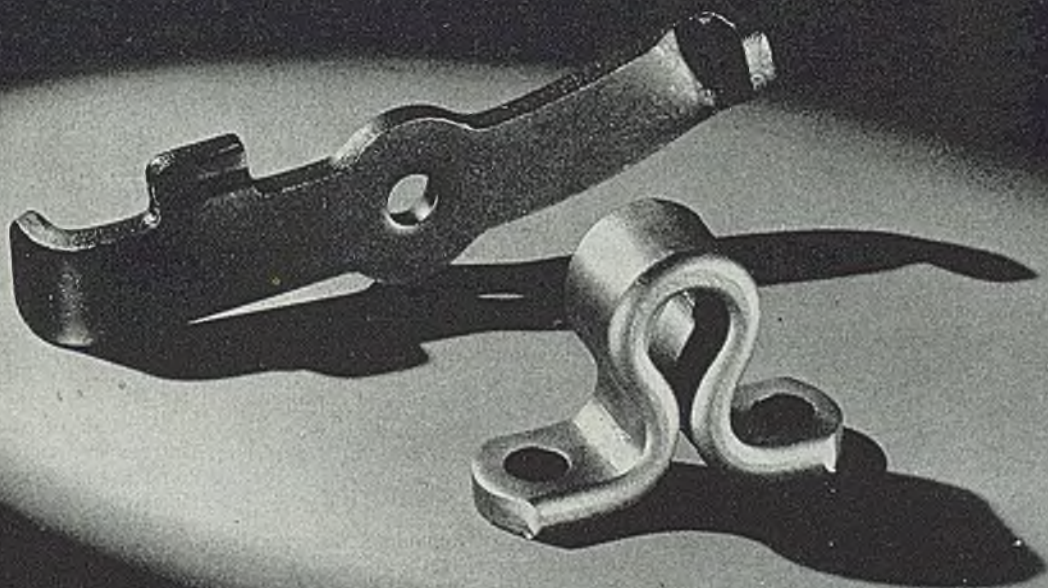
By Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Milwaukee 4. (An 8-page, 3-color bulletin, No. 59, with illustrations and graphs.)

Offers information on standard mercury arc converters for use in induction heating operations in the 500-2000-cycle frequency range. A drawing and wiring diagram of a typical installation show how the company supplies essential apparatus for complete induction heating installations, including coils, furnaces and cubicles. Excitron converter has conversion efficiency of 90 per cent, better as frequency changer equipment, and units are built to supply power for induction heating in blocks of 500, and 1000 kw and higher. Graphs and photographs compare unit to other equipment used for induction heating with differences between old and new methods of heating and melting summarized.

**CHAIN BELT**

By Chain Belt Co., Milwaukee 4. (A 4-page, 2-color folder, No. 461, illustrated.)

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### Great Lakes Red Book For 1945 Is Ready

*Great Lakes Red Book*; paper, 172 pages, 3 x 4 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches; published by Penton Publishing Co., Cleveland 13, for \$1.

Of vestpocket size, this volume contains a complete port directory, shipyard directory, dimensions and capacity of bulk freighters for the 1945 Great Lakes season. More than 1500 vessels available for service are listed, giving management, chief operating personnel and in case of bulk freighters technical data such as keel length, beam, depth, distance between hatches and carrying capacity at 20-foot draft.

An alphabetical list makes it easy to find the name of owner, captain or engineer of each ship. This directory is the recognized authority on Great Lakes fleets.

### Refutes New Deal Concept Of Economic Maturity

*The Bogey of Economic Maturity*, by George Terborgh; cloth, 263 pages, 6 x 9 inches; published by Machinery & Allied Products Institute, 221 North LaSalle street, Chicago, for \$3.

The author, an economist formerly connected with the Brookings Institution, discusses thoroughly the theory of economic maturity, developed by Dr. Alvin H. Hansen of Harvard University and used by the New Deal as justification for its deficit financing.

This theory cites four causes of an alleged shortage of investment opportunities, including decline of population growth, passing of the frontier, dearth of great new industries and increasing importance of depreciation reserves. The author of this study analyzes these at length and dismisses them as substantially harmless.

The conclusion is that there is no reason to expect chronic oversaving and economic debility because of these factors, there is no warrant for expecting a need for continuous government deficits as an economic stimulus.

### Canadian Trade Index Available To Subscribers

*Canadian Trade Index*; cloth, 846 pages, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 10 inches; published by Canadian Manufacturers' Association Inc., Toronto, Ont., for \$6.

The 1945 edition of this annual publication contains a thoroughly revised list of all Canadian manufacturers having more than local distribution and an export section giving basic information regarding government services, foreign trade controls, methods, financing, price quotations, export costs, Empire tariff preferences and a list of overseas supply

missions in Canada and the United States. It also includes a French index of products. Special editions contain French and Spanish and French and Portuguese indexes.

Among changes in the 1945 edition are 241 additional firm names, 96 changes in name, 216 changes of address and location, 80 new classifications. The object of the publication is to provide buyers and sellers an authoritative directory of all products manufactured in Canada and names of firms making them. The index contains an alphabetical directory of more than 8000 Canadian manufacturers, with addresses, branch export representatives, trademarks and brands; a directory of Canadian manufacturers classified according to products; a directory of exporters of agricultural products and allied lines.

### Statistics of Metals

*Metal Statistics*, 1945, cloth, 800 pages, 4 x 6 inches, published by American Metal Market, 18 Cliff street, New York, for \$2.

A mine of statistical information on ferrous and nonferrous metals, this volume is the 38th annual edition and follows the same plan as previous issues. A number of new tables have been included in the 1945 edition and widened scope of its coverage.

Tables cover production, sales prices of most of the metals, as well as scrap, fuels and ores.

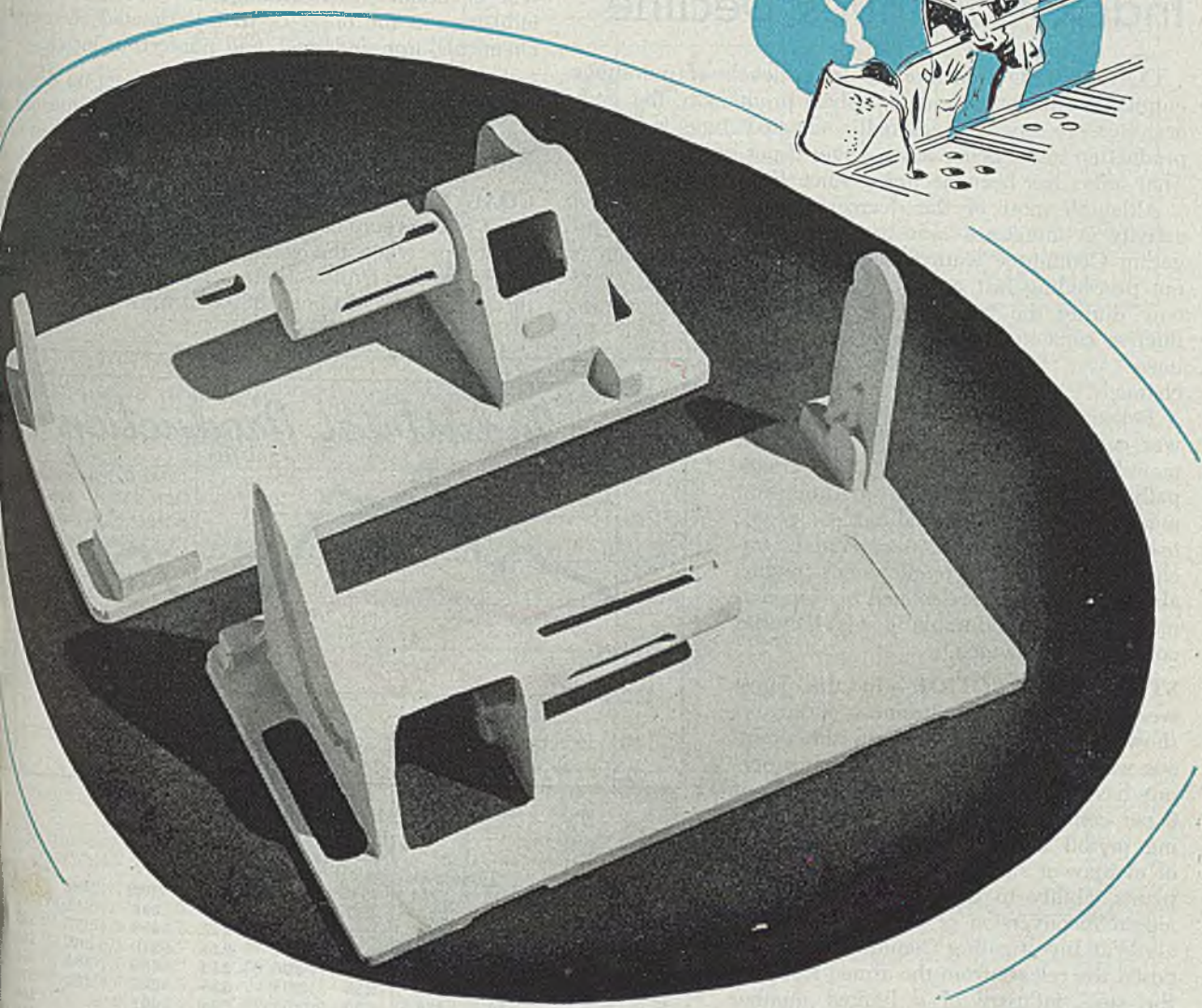
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# THE BUSINESS TREND

## Industrial Production Index Continues Decline

CONTINUED transition to lower levels of munitions output is reducing overall industrial production, the Federal Reserve Board's seasonally adjusted June industrial production index being down about 2 per cent from May. That index has been declining since February.

Although most of the decrease results from reduced activity in munitions industries, the Senate War Investigating Committee warned that industry's reconversion is not proceeding fast enough to protect the civilian economy during the transition period, and urged that productive capacity not needed for the Japanese war be speeded into peacetime channels.

Reflecting some transition from a full war economy toward a peacetime basis, manufacturing of durable goods, principally war needs, declined in June but manufacturing of nondurable goods, mainly civilian items, remained unchanged. Likewise, employment in durable goods industries declined but employment in the nondurable goods factories continued unchanged.

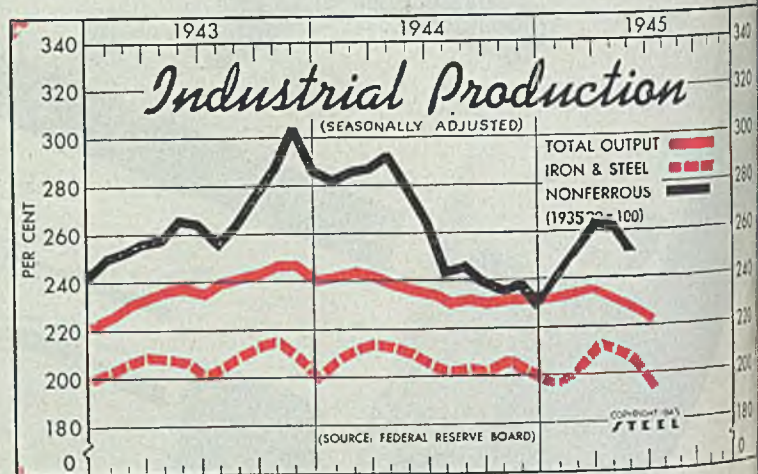
**STEEL PRODUCTION**—In the latest week, most of the business indicators show moderate declines from the previous week. While current steel ingot output has been holding steady it is about 6 per cent below that of the corresponding period of last year, largely because of manpower shortage. To improve steel plants' ability to be of greatest possible aid in reconversion of industry, the Senate War Investigating Committee has proposed the release from the armed forces to the steel industry of a limited number of men.

**ELECTRICITY**—Manufacturing and extracting industries, including government plants such as arsenals, ordnance plants and Navy yards, estimate that in 1945 they will use more electric energy than

was produced for all purposes in any year prior to 1941. Production in 1939, the peak year prior to 1940, totaled 161.3 billion kilowatt-hours while industrial use in 1945 will be about 161.7 billion kilowatt-hours. First three industries in the order of their estimated energy use are chemicals, iron and steel, and nonferrous metals.

**STRUCTURAL STEEL**—Reflecting pent-up demand for construction, June bookings of fabricated structural steel for bridges and buildings not only are the highest for 1945 month but are the highest since July, 1942.

**COAL PRODUCTION**—While heated discussions continue over proposals to ship coal from the United States to Europe when the worst coal shortage of the war is pending in the United States, bituminous coal output in the latest week declined 380,000 tons.



Federal Reserve Board's  
Production Indexes  
(1935-39=100)

	Total Production			Iron, Steel		Nonferrous	
	1945	1944	1943	1945	1944	1943	1944
January	234	243	227	197	208	204	240
February	236	244	232	202	212	208	257
March	235	242	235	210	214	210	265
April	251	239	237	206	213	209	264
May	226	237	238	204	210	208	251
June	222	235	236	193	204	201	...
July	...	231	240	...	202	204	...
August	...	232	242	...	203	210	...
September	...	231	244	...	202	214	...
October	...	232	247	...	206	215	...
November	...	232	247	...	201	209	...
December	...	232	241	...	198	200	...
Average	...	236	239	...	206	208	...

### FIGURES THIS WEEK

#### INDUSTRY

	Latest Period*	Prior Week	Month Ago
Steel Ingot Output (per cent of capacity)	90.5	90	92
Electric Power Distributed (million kilowatt hours)	4,435	4,385	4,353
Bituminous Coal Production (daily av.—1000 tons)	1,937	2,000	1,961
Petroleum Production (daily av.—1000 bbls.)	4,930	4,944	4,903
Construction Volume (ENR—Unit \$1,000,000)	\$41.1	\$50.1	\$46.5
Automobile and Truck Output (Ward's—number units)	16,105	18,080	19,115

\*Dates on request.

#### TRADE

Freight Carloadings (unit—1000 cars)	891†	882	894
Business Failures (Dun & Bradstreet, number)	22	12	14
Money in Circulation (in millions of dollars)†	\$26,926	\$26,901	\$26,628
Department Store Sales (change from like week a year ago)†	+14%	+15%	+21%

†Preliminary. †Federal Reserve Board.

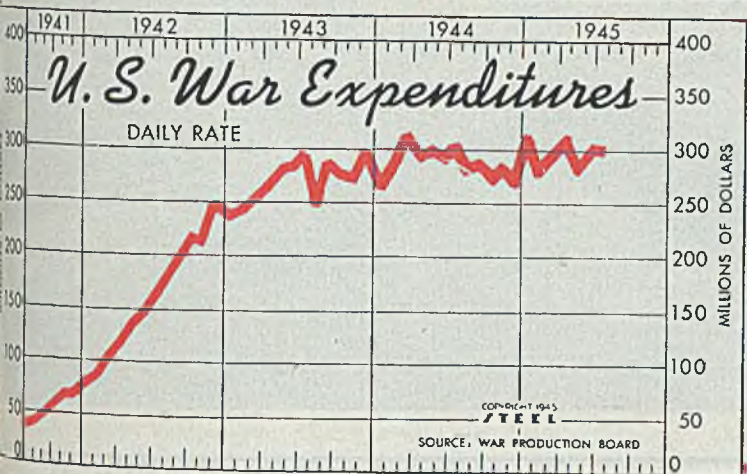
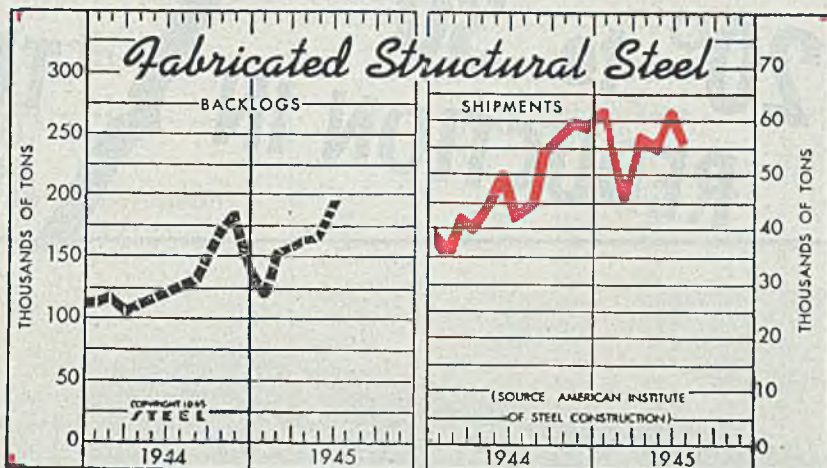


Fabricated Structural Steel

(1000 tons)

Shipments			Backlogs		
1945	1944	1943	1945	1944	1943
54.5	35.2	91.9	124.4	113.1	339.1
47.4	42.9	90.8	151.6	117.6	321.0
37.6	41.4	94.0	153.8	106.3	299.8
55.7	44.5	86.6	162.5	111.2	272.5
62.2	50.7	78.9	165.7	116.3	220.6
55.9	43.0	68.4	195.2	122.7	207.1
...	45.3	56.8	...	125.4	201.8
...	55.2	50.2	...	130.4	195.6
...	57.5	51.8	...	151.1	208.1
...	61.6	80.1	...	174.4	274.0
...	59.4	42.7	...	184.2	134.6
...	61.3	39.6	...	142.5	113.0

Source: American Institute of Steel Construction. Figures represent members' reports



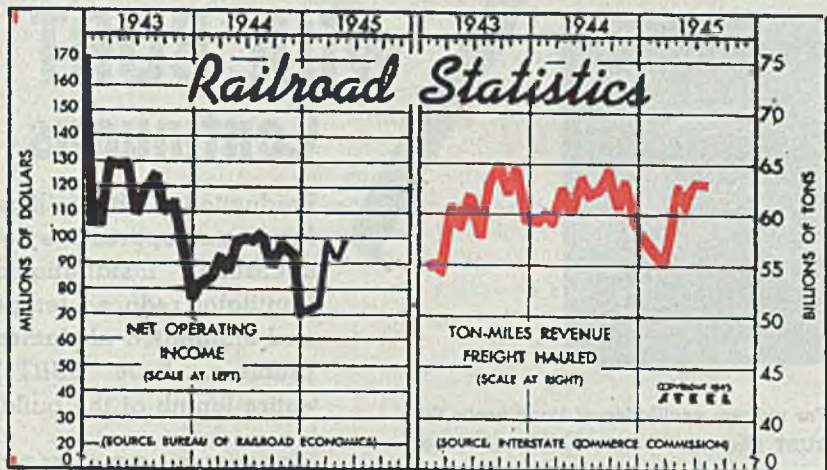
War Expenditures

(millions)

	1945		1944	
	Monthly Expenditures	Daily Rate	Monthly Expenditures	Daily Rate
Jan. ....	\$7,519	\$278.4	\$7,416	\$285.2
Feb. ....	6,965	290.2	7,808	312.3
March ...	8,318	308.1	7,948	294.4
April ...	7,045	281.8	7,493	299.7
May ...	8,166	302.5	7,918	293.3
June ...	7,885	303.4	7,957	306.0
July ...	.....	.....	7,355	282.9
Aug. ....	.....	.....	7,798	288.8
Sept. ....	.....	.....	7,104	273.2
Oct. ....	.....	.....	7,447	286.4
Nov. ....	.....	.....	7,095	272.9
Dec. ....	.....	.....	7,835	313.4
Total ...	.....	.....	91,174 Ave.	292.2

Statistics of Class I Railroads

Net Operating Income		Revenue Freight	
1945	1944	1943	1944
(\$ millions)	(\$ millions)	(billions)	(billions)
\$73.0	\$84.9	\$105.3	56.8
73.2	84.5	105.8	55.3
99.9	92.5	129.7	62.9
91.9	87.7	128.7	61.6
99.9	98.5	129.5	64.6
...	99.8	109.0	63.6
...	98.6	127.8	62.8
...	101.4	132.3	64.5
...	89.1	110.3	61.0
...	97.3	113.1	63.5
...	91.8	98.4	59.4
...	69.8	76.9	57.3
...	\$93.1	\$113.5	61.5



FINANCE

	Latest Period*	Prior Week	Month Ago	Year Ago
Bank Clearings (Dun & Bradstreet—millions)	\$10,552	\$11,850	\$12,745	\$9,961
Federal Gross Debt (billions)	\$262.0	\$261.8	\$256.9	\$209.1
Bond Volume, NYSE (millions)	\$25.0	\$28.8	\$46.0	\$36.8
Stocks Sales, NYSE (thousands)	4,374	5,229	11,234	4,153
Loans and Investments (billions)†	\$64.0	\$64.2	\$63.0	\$57.3
United States Government Obligations Held (millions)‡	\$47,267	\$47,338	\$46,334	\$42,424

\*Member banks, Federal Reserve System.

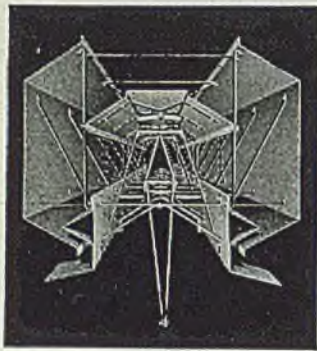
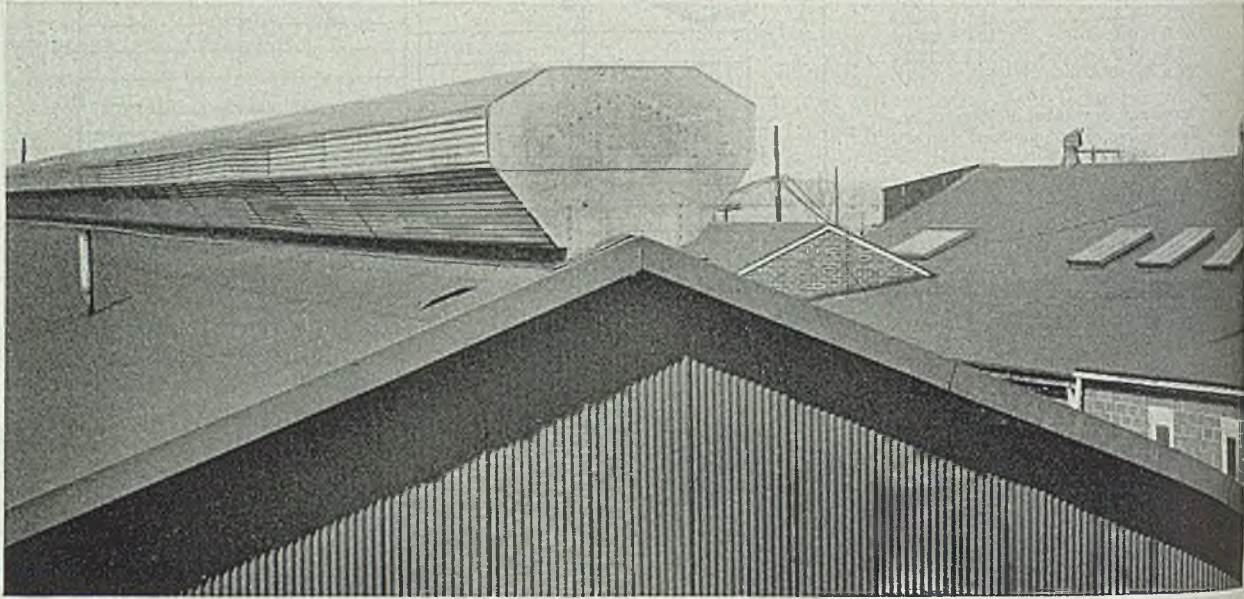
PRICES

STEEL's composite finished steel price average	\$58.27	\$58.27	\$58.27	\$56.73
All Commodities†	105.6	105.6	105.9	103.9
Industrial Raw Material†	117.7	117.6	118.6	113.8
Manufactured Products†	101.9	101.9	102.0	101.1

†Bureau of Labor Statistics Index, 1926 = 100.

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## Steel Demand, Production Hold in Face of Cutbacks

Conditions better than foreseen at end of European war . . . Heavy war needs continue . . . Unrated orders form postwar cushion

WHILE overall pressure for steel is easier, heavy requirements still burden mill books and operating rates have reached summer without having gone more than a trifle below 90 per cent of capacity with prospects promising for continued demand for months ahead.

Trade leaders last spring, after the fall of Germany, predicted a major dip in steel ingot production would come not later than July or early August and would not go lower than 85 per cent while Japan remained fighting. This prediction is more borne out by present conditions. Cancellations are being made more freely but there also is much new tonnage, especially considering the volume of unrated work awaiting shipping.

Shell demand has been maintained in much better degree than expected and while the small ammunition program is off schedule requirements of a number of larger projectiles, rockets and some types of bombs are still heavy. As long as shell needs are reasonably sustained steel production is not likely to meet a sharp dip.

Considerable activity continues in other war work, involving armor bars and shell forgings but sheets, strip, shapes, tubing are in better degree than expected even in plates, in spite of the decline in shipbuilding. Recently 84,000 tons of plates were quite unexpectedly placed with western mills for August for a Navy program, details of which have not been announced. With equal suddenness 40,000 tons of shapes for the same program were placed for August production, 25,000 tons at one mill and 15,000 tons to another.

Unrated tonnage is accumulating, though less rapidly than last summer, because of better appreciation of difficulty in getting definite delivery promise. Even in plates unrated

### DISTRICT STEEL RATES

Percentage of Ingot Capacity Engaged in Leading Districts

	Week Ended		Same Week	
	Aug. 4	Change	1944	1943
Pittsburgh . . . .	87.5	None	91	100
Chicago . . . . .	94.5	-0.5	100.5	98
Eastern Pa. . . .	87	+1	94	93
Youngstown . . .	90	None	95	98
Wheeling . . . . .	91.5	None	92.5	94
Cleveland . . . .	75.5	-15	93.5	94
Buffalo . . . . .	83.5	-7	90.5	90.5
Birmingham . .	95	None	95	95
New England . .	86	None	80	97
Cincinnati . . .	94	+2	82	89
St. Louis . . . .	68	None	87	89
Detroit . . . . .	83	None	86	87
Average . . . . .	89.5	-1	97	98

\*Based on steelmaking capacities as of these dates.

tonnage has not been easy to place as had been expected. One eastern platemaker estimates that unrated plate bookings this quarter will not be more than 20 per cent of the total, if it reaches that level.

With few changes in operating rates in various districts, a strike cutting production by a large interest at Cleveland caused the estimated national operating rate to drop 1 point to 89½ per cent of capacity. Cleveland rate dropped 15 points to 75½ per cent. Other losses were 7 points at Buffalo to 83½ and ½-point at Chicago, to 94½. The only offsets were a rise of 1 point at eastern Pennsylvania, to 87 and 2 points at Cincinnati, to 94. Other districts showed no change, as follows: Pittsburgh 87½; Youngstown 90; St. Louis 68; Wheeling 91½; Birmingham 95; New England 86; Detroit 83.

To correct the inequality caused by the recent advance of \$2 per ton on hot-rolled carbon bars without an equivalent increase on cold-finished, Office of Price Administration has allowed the ceiling on cold-finished to be raised \$2 per ton. However, this is accompanied by elimination of certain extras which were charged previously. This is the first compensatory price action taken by OPA on steel products since government price control was effected. OPA also has permitted warehouses to pass along this increase on cold-finished bars to their customers.

Pig iron supply has been sufficient for current needs, although no surplus is being produced. Hot weather and lack of workers limits foundry consumption though much business is being offered which can not be booked.

Scrap scarcity continues and some steelmakers are operating close to the end of their supply, with difficulty in obtaining sufficient shipments to carry on from day to day. As a result of limited supply of preferred grades for steelmaking heavier demand is being placed on borings and turnings.

Average composite prices of steel and iron products are unchanged, at ceiling prices. Finished steel average composite is \$58.27, semifinished steel \$37.80, steelmaking pig iron \$24.05 and steelmaking scrap \$19.17.

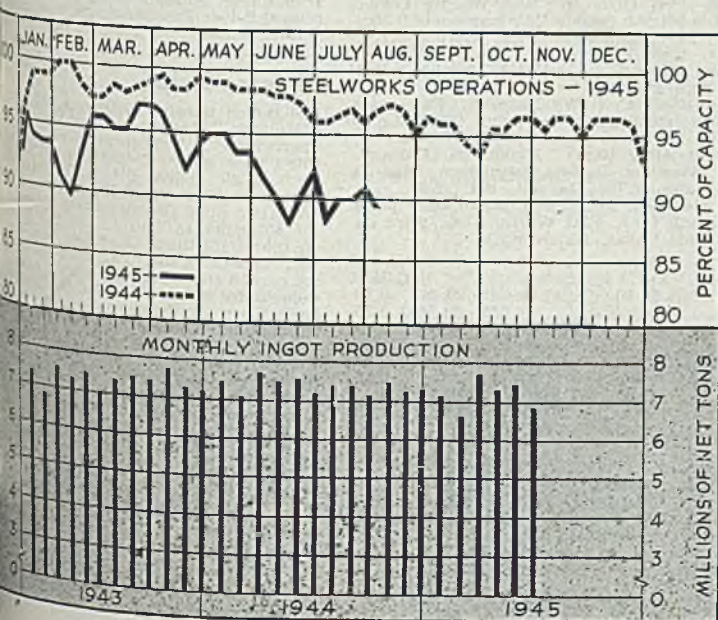


Table with columns: Finished steel, Semifinished Steel, Steelmaking Pig Iron, Steelmaking Scrap, and comparison of prices (One Month Ago, Three Months Ago, One Year Ago) for August 4, July 28, and July 21, 1945.

Finished Steel Composite: Average of industry-wide prices on billets, slabs, sheet bars, skelp and wire rods. Steelmaking Pig Iron Composite: Average of basic pig iron prices at Bethlehem, Birmingham, Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Neville Island, Granite City and Youngstown, etc.

COMPARISON OF PRICES

Representative Market Figures for Current Week; Average for Last Month, Three Months and One Year Ago

Finished Material

Table listing finished material prices for Steel bars, Shapes, Plates, Sheets, and Wire nails across various cities like Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Gary.

Pig Iron

Table listing pig iron prices for Bessemer, Basic, and various other grades from Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and Cincinnati.

Scrap

Table listing scrap prices for heavy melting steel, heavy melt steel, and rails for rolling.

Coke

Table listing coke prices for Connellsville, furnace, oven, and by-product types.

Semifinished Material

Table listing semifinished material prices for Sheet bars, Slabs, and Wire rods from Pittsburgh and Chicago.

STEEL, IRON RAW MATERIAL, FUEL AND METALS PRICES

Following are maximum prices established by OPA Schedule No. 6 issued April 16, 1941, revised June 20, 1941, Feb. 4, 1942 and Jan. 2, 1945. The schedule covers all iron or steel ingots, all semifinished iron or steel products, all finished hot-rolled, cold-rolled iron or steel...

Semifinished Steel

Gross ton basis except wire rods, skelp. Carbon Steel Ingots: F.o.b. mill base, rerolling qual., stand. analysis, \$31.00. Alloy Steel Ingots: Pittsburgh, Chicago, Buffalo, Bethlehem, Canton, Massillon; uncop, \$45. Forging Quality Blooms, Slabs, Billets: Pittsburgh, Chicago, Gary, Cleveland, Buffalo, Birmingham, Youngstown, \$36; Detroit, del. \$38; Duluth (bil) \$38; Pac. Ports. (bil) \$48. (Andrews Steel Co., carbon slabs \$41; Continental Steel Corp., billets \$34, Kokomo, and Acme Steel Co.; Northwestern Steel & Wire Co., \$41, Sterling, Ill.; Laclede Steel Co., \$34 Alton or Madison, Ill.; Wheeling Steel Corp. \$36 base, billets for lend-lease, \$34, Portsmouth, O., on slabs on WPB directives. Granite City Steel Co. \$47.50 gross ton slabs from D.P.C. mill. Geneva Steel Co., Kaiser Co. Inc., \$58.64, Pac. ports.)

Wire Rods: Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cleveland, Birmingham, No. 5-3/8 in. inclusive, per 100 lbs., \$2.15 Do., over 3/4-1-1/4 in., incl., \$2.30; Galveston, base, 2.25c and 2.40c, respectively. Worcester add \$0.10; Pacific ports \$0.50 (Pittsburgh Steel Co., \$0.20 higher.)

Bars

Hot-Rolled Carbon Bars and Bar-Size Shapes under 3": Pittsburgh, Chicago, Gary, Cleveland, Buffalo, Birmingham base 20 tons one size, 2.25c; Duluth, base 2.35c; Mahoning Valley 2.32 1/2c; Detroit, del. 2.35c; Eastern Mich. 2.40c; New York del. 2.59c; Phila. del. 2.57c; Gulf Ports, dock 2.62c; Pac. ports, dock 2.90c. (Calumet Steel Division, Borg-Warner Corp., and Joslyn Mfg. & Supply Co., may quote 2.35c, Chicago base; Sheffield Steel Corp., 2.75c, f.o.b. St. Louis.)

Rail Steel Bars: Same prices as for hot-rolled carbon bars except base is 5 tons.

(Sweel's Steel Co., Willamsport, Pa., may quote rail steel merchant bars 2.33c f.o.b. mill.)

Hot-Rolled Alloy Bars: Pittsburgh, Chicago, Canton, Massillon, Buffalo, Bethlehem, base 20 tons one size, 2.70c; Detroit, del., 2.80c. (Texas Steel Co. may use Chicago base price as maximum f.o.b. Fort Worth, Tex., price on sales outside Texas, Oklahoma.)

Table showing AISI and O-I series for bars and alloys, with prices ranging from \$0.10 to \$1.20.

\*Add 0.25 for acid open-hearth; 0.50 electric.

Cold-Finished Carbon Bars: Pittsburgh, Chicago, Gary, Cleveland, Buffalo, base 20,000-29,999 lbs., 2.75c; Detroit 2.80c; Toledo 2.90c. (Keystone Drawn Steel Co. may sell outside its usual market area on Proc. Div., Treasury Dept. contracts at 2.65c, Spring City, Pa., plus freight on hot-rolled bars from Pittsburgh to Spring City, New England Drawn Steel Co. may sell outside New England on WPB direc-

tives at 2.65c, Mansfield, Mass., plus freight on hot-rolled bars from Buffalo to Mansfield. Cold-Finished Alloy Bars: Pittsburgh, Chicago, Gary, Cleveland, Buffalo, base 3.55c; Detroit, del. 3.45c; Eastern Mich. 3.50c. Reinforcing Bars (New Billets): Pittsburgh, Chicago, Gary, Cleveland, Birmingham, Canton, Massillon, Buffalo, Youngstown, base 2.25c; Detroit del. 2.25c; Eastern Mich. and Gulf ports, dock 2.50c; Pacific ports, dock 2.55c. Reinforcing Bars (Rail Steel): Pittsburgh, Chicago, Gary, Cleveland, Birmingham, Youngstown, Buffalo base 2.15c; Detroit, del. 2.15c; Eastern Mich. and Toledo 2.30c; Gulf ports, dock 2.50c.

Iron Bars: Single refined, 3.15c, 4.40c; refined 5.40c; Pittsburgh, staybolt, 5.75c; Haute, single ref., 5.00, double ref., 5.75c. Sheets, Strip

Sheets, Strip

Hot-Rolled Sheets: Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cleveland, Birmingham, Buffalo, Youngstown, Sparrows Pt., Middletown, base 2.30c; Detroit, base 2.30c; Buffalo base 2.30c; Detroit, del. 2.30c; Eastern Mich. and Toledo 2.30c; Gulf ports, dock 2.50c. Cold-Rolled Sheets: Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cleveland, Gary, Buffalo, Youngstown, Middletown, base 3.05c; Granite City, base 3.15c; Detroit, del. 3.15c; Eastern Mich. 3.20c; New York 3.39c; Phila. del. 3.37c; Pacific ports 3.39c; Buffalo, Youngstown, base 3.00c; Sparrows Point, Middletown, base 3.00c; Phila. del. 3.87c; Pacific ports 4.25c. (Andrews Steel Co. may quote hot-rolled sheets 3.75c at established basing points.) Corrugated Galv. Sheets: Pittsburgh, Chicago, Gary, Birmingham, base 29 gauge, per square ft., \$1.25; 24 gauge, per square ft., \$1.25; Birmingham, 16 gauge, not corrugated, alloy 3.60c; Granite City 3.70c; Pacific ports 4.25c; copper iron, 3.90c; pure iron 3.85c; coated, hot-dipped, heat-treated, No. 24 Pittsburgh, 4.25c.











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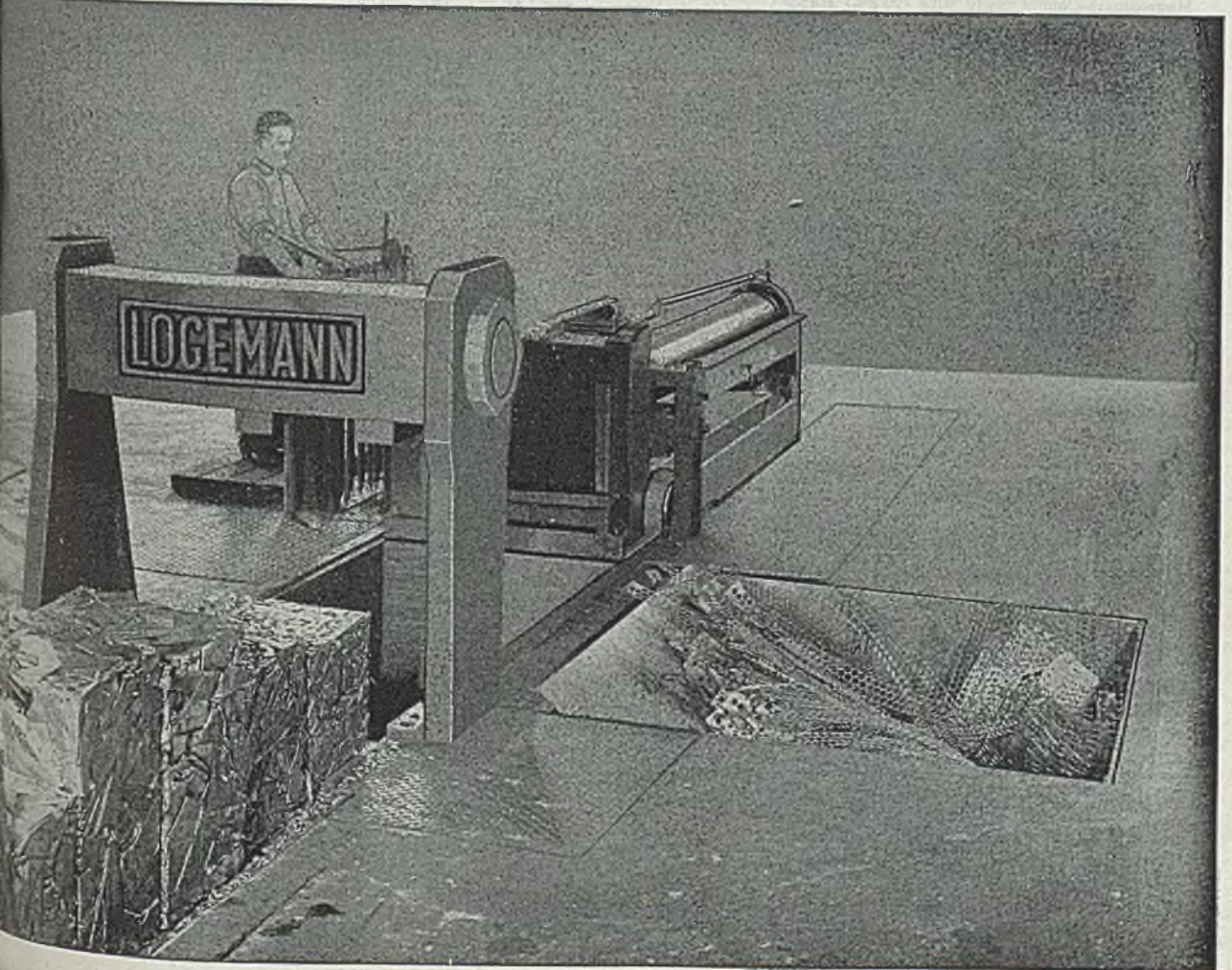
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No easing is apparent in the tight sheet and strip situation, cancellations had little effect on nearby deliveries. Mills are booked full to the end of the year and beyond, hot-rolled being quoted for April in some instances. The situation is as congested in plates in 1942 and no relief is in sight. War requirements still are heavy in the Pacific war, where climatic conditions dictate steel containers for war material.

New York — New business continues to rise somewhat. There is still good demand for unrated tonnage but difficulty in obtaining assurance as to delivery is discouraging consumers. Consequently demand is not as much of this demand as a few weeks ago. Pressure continues, especially for over-runs and tonnage made available through cancellations where processing has been completed or partially completed, as this can be obtained in allotment and with assurance of delivery.

Leading sellers are booked well for next year on hot-rolled pickled sheets, some quoting April and beyond. On the other hand, certain producers specify shipment in November and December on plain hot-rolled and also cold-rolled sheets, although some are booked well into next year on these latter products. Galvanized sheets for consumer account are difficult to obtain much before next March. Demand is far above normal demand for stainless steel sheets, as reflected by the fact that certain producers are quoting polished material for several months beyond unpolished stainless steel. For instance, one seller is quoting late October and November on stainless and late in second quarter of next year on polished stainless sheets are in strong demand with deliveries running around March and April in several instances regardless of the amount of silicon. Products continued heavy demand for equipment, fractional horsepower motors, and similar uses.

Pittsburgh — Delivery on galvanized sheet items is currently as tight as was the case for plates during the war. Some of the present larger war requirements in sheets are for ammunition containers and for drums and pails. War climatic conditions in the Pacific ammunition requires special protection. Drums and pails are required for various reasons, the air force, for instance, needs more of them for packing than the components. The Quartermaster has recently issued a special request for 160,000 five-gallon drums for the next six months for liquid DDT and other insecticides. Request for 42,000 tons of additional steel for production of steel by members of the Steel Shipping Advisory Committee was delayed by WPB, due to the critical supply situation with regard to drums is now being reviewed by a task committee with the view of obtaining fourth quarter requirements. The metal strapping industry has been booked 129,000 tons of carbon steel, the largest tonnage ever given the industry and reflects the growing demand for packaging war material in this man-

ner to conserve lumber and paperboard, shipping space and saving in manpower in loading and unloading supplies.

Chicago — Despite the fact that opinion is general that the sheet and strip situation has eased somewhat, chiefly because WPB has taken a hand in an attempt to bring order out of confusion, mills in this district virtually find no change in their position. Books are filled with rated tonnage for the balance of the year and into 1946, and cancellations are negligible. Many consumers, feeling that the Japanese war is near an end, are beginning to press mills for delivery commitments on unrated tonnage. Feeling of sheetmakers here is that the situation in this area is tighter than in any other section of the country, due probably to the fact that Chicago has diversified manufacturing and has been carrying an unusual portion of the war load, some of which is now being completed or cut back.

St. Louis — Increasing manpower shortage, in spite of layoffs in other heavy industries, continues to put sheet deliveries further behind. Sheet output is less than at any time since the war peak. Three DPC blast furnaces at Granite City Steel Co. works are down from lack of labor. More than 10,000 tons of rated sheets and strip are piled, awaiting finishing. Substantial new CMP sheet orders are reported. Many unrated orders have been received but not scheduled. Galvanized sheet deliveries have been extended four months in the past 30 days, light galvanized now being promised for June, 1945, and heavy in December. Hot-rolled sheets are promised for March, cold-rolled for April and tin mill products for February.

Cincinnati — The tight situation in sheets is unrelieved, and it may well be that sheets ultimately will prove the bottleneck in many items on reconversion. Backlogs on rated orders are extended. Schedules show some tonnage in December for cold-rolled, but on hot-rolled April is the earliest delivery now promised. Galvanized is available in December, long terms in January. Meanwhile, reconversion tonnage continues to pile up, possibly enough to keep mills at capacity for a year.

Boston — Incoming rated volume of narrow cold-rolled strip is below shipments and the approximate current rate of cancellations. Slight inroads are being made toward backlog reductions, presaging some openings for unvalidated tonnage in late fourth quarter, although the total will depend on the ratio of new rated orders and cancellations during the balance of this quarter. Spot openings are few, readily filled, and include scattered lots of alloys with some mills. Cancellations thus far involve a relatively higher ratio of high-carbon for rifle clips, belt links and landing mat springs, narrowing the spread with low-carbon. Cancellations on sheets are light in this area, also new buying in the rated category. Inquiry for unvalidated tonnage has also slackened, attributed to coverage already made and better appreciation of forward position of mill schedules as to likelihood of delivery against this type of commitment.

Cleveland — Sheetmakers in this district continue loaded with orders, covering capacity for the remainder of the year, with heavy carryover from second quarter keeping schedules continuously

behind. Cancellations continue, but are light as far as current business is concerned, applying mainly to remote deliveries. Unrated orders continue to be received but are not scheduled, as rated orders fill entire capacity. Occasional orders are given preference rating and displace others to provide space for material in greater need.

Philadelphia — Sheet backlogs, in common with other steel products, are somewhat less extended. Some producers are booked well into next year on both hot and cold-rolled, while others now can promise plain hot-rolled sheets as early as October and November. One large seller recently quoting hot-rolled pickled sheets for March now can accept this grade for January. Various requests by consumers for suspensions of early deliveries, so as to bring inventories within limits set by WPB, have been rejected by mills as the tonnage already is being processed or on the point of being so. This has placed consumers in a difficult position, for if they were to cancel the tonnage outright they might not be able to get back on mill schedule for some time.

Birmingham — Sheet demand is active, practically no cancellations have been received and mill backlogs continue heavy for all grades, deliveries being well extended and showing little improvement from cutbacks.

### Steel Bars . . .

Conditions in the steel bar market are tightening and this product now ranks next to sheets and strip in heavy demand. Most producers are well booked through the year and on some grades and sizes can promise no delivery short of next year. Increase in price of cold-finished bars, to compensate for the recent advance on hot-rolled, affords some relief to cold finishers, but elimination of some processing extras more than offsets the advantage.

Pittsburgh — The \$2 increase in base prices for cold-finished bars, effective Aug. 6, will be more than offset by reductions in strain drawing and special treatment extras on furnace treated items. Most of these extras are required in military specifications on shipments for the shell and other war programs. However, the increase in base prices reinstates the normal spread between hot-rolled and cold-finished bars, which is particularly important at this time when the industry is in the midst of a partial reconversion to a competitive civilian goods economy. It is pointed out that practically all tonnage shipped on civilian goods orders do not require the special treatment extras necessary under military specifications. Cold-drawers state that the increase in base prices will compensate them in part for the increase of \$2 on the mill price of hot-rolled carbon bars and \$3 on wire rods, effective May 23. No price adjustment was made on alloy cold-finished bars, as the mill price on hot-rolled alloy bars was not increased in May.

Cold-drawers are booked into December and January on larger sizes, but openings in schedules are noted as early as late September on smaller items with some interests. Liquidation of rated orders has been orderly and on a moderate

not up to expectations. Bookings of unrated tonnage recently have not been as large as generally believed, with many customers hesitating to proceed at this time, in placing orders on a large scale for civilian goods. However, the automotive industry is a major exception to this buying policy. No rated tonnage of any consequence has been scheduled yet, and on the basis of current cancellations little will be shipped until November.

Chicago — Barmakers, who have been in a fairly comfortable position, now report that new business and demand have pushed this product into a situation

strip in criticalness. This applies particularly to carbon grades; alloys are tighter than in recent months but still are well below capacity. Bar demand is well distributed and the growing tightness cannot be attributed to any individual segments of industry. As to forging grade bars, drop forgers have backlogs ranging five to six months, mainly on rated orders.

New York — In spite of certain cutbacks and cancellations, most sellers of hot carbon bars are booked well toward the end of the year, and on hot-top quality well into 1946. Certain producers are quoting April and May on larger

cold-drawn carbon bars, 2 inches larger, fall in December and January due in large measure to the rocket program. In general, however, shipments are not as extended, and certain openings are affording some relief to consumers. Except in alloy bars, unrated tonnage stands a chance of being delivered before late in the year.

St. Louis — Barmakers here are 90 per cent or more on CMP tonnage. Few contracts have been canceled since mid-June and production is expected to steady until the war's end. Orders are not being sought as much as late to promise delivery. Greatest assurance is on all sizes of flat bars and rounds, two inches and over. More rounds can be promised for September and flats for December.

Boston — On most sizes and grades ricated in this area bar deliveries are improving in carbon grades, while hot-top alloys are available in September, drawn also showing slight improvement. Some unrated volume in the latter is being booked, but new buying is recovering from cutbacks, notably in mills, although warehouses are active. Normally a substantial quantity of bars required here are distributed by warehouses and the trend is toward a return to that practice. Textile machinery, miscellaneous equipment makers and forge shops maintain part of wartime volume by increased activity, but the void in small armory, mine hardware, chain and other war material is not being filled. Some armory while tonnage is going to forge shops in quarter.

Philadelphia — Reflecting certain heavy shell requirements producers of hot-top quality steel are quoting into next year, in some cases as late as April on sizes of 2 5/16-inch and up. On ordinary hot-rolled carbon bars producers quote November through January. Some spot openings appear earlier than they are filled promptly. Hot alloys are freely available in September, even unrated tonnage not in sufficient volume to round out schedules.

### Steel Plates . . .

Plate Prices, Page 193

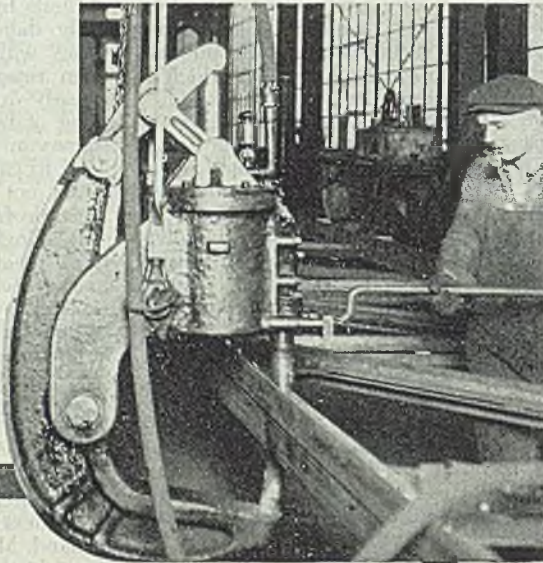
Gradual decline in demand for plates continues, but cancellations have affected current schedules greatly. Considerable new demand will come out over several months for large car and locomotive orders currently being placed. Some unrated tonnage may be shipped during September and later this year.

New York — As sellers are in position to accept unrated tonnage, plate business here is holding up fairly well. Orders are still pressing for tonnage, particularly for ship construction and pairs. Incidentally, some new boat construction is under way and is contributing to demand. Plate sellers are booked solidly into October, with some fairly well scheduled for November.

The Navy has placed \$4,000 tonnage of plates for August rolling 50,000 tons to Geneva Steel Works, Geneva, Pa. 9000 tons to Fontana and the remainder to mills further east.

Pittsburgh — A downward trend in plate production schedules is indicated.

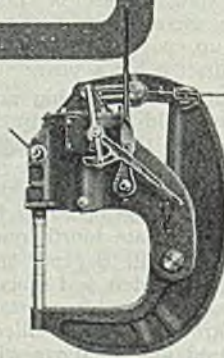
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increasing demand for railroad wire and some sizes of rope for stranding. Full advantage in signal wire cancellations is hampered by uncertainty as to delivery wanted on the balance, making for uncertainty as to filling space in these sizes. Oil-tempered wire continues tight and is generally in December. For valve spring wire pressure is from the automotive industry. Although cut back, material for precision mechanical springs is still mainly for war requirements, 85 per cent approximately, and no delivery is definite on unrated orders.

**Buffalo** — Little capacity is available for unrated wire business. Sellers report a comprehensive checkup reveals war work still commands practically all present output. One producer, how-

**Chicago** — District tin plate production took a sharp drop late in July when several hundred workers in the tin mill of Inland Steel Co. struck July 22 and remained away from their jobs for a week. This work stoppage made a bad situation worse, for shortage of manpower already was preventing the company from meeting its recently increased production directive. District mills are booked solidly until year's end on tin plate. Box car supply fluctuates from week to week, but in the past month

**Chicago** — Plate load on mills, while going gradually month by month, has few openings. Despite cancellations and cutbacks in war production, the situation is little affected and tonnage occupies rolling schedules solidly for remainder of the year. A platemaker, who is producing a considerable volume of bomb plate, has been instructed by WPB to reduce its output of this item approximately 50 per cent, but at the same time was that the opening be not filled any further word.

**Louis** — Plate production in this area is down to 5000 to 6000 tons per month, with prospects it will go down to 4000 within 60 days. Demand has increased to an extent that warehouses are overflowing with deliveries best of all products. Rolling schedules are in November. Orders in this area are mainly for ship repair needs.

**New England** — What has happened to plate production in New England is told in shipyard employment. From peak, 103,000 men were dropped from payrolls at eight shipyards, including Navy establishments and those building combat vessels. Shipyards are closing this month, Bethlehem and Walsh-Kaiser, at Providence, R. I. This has directly affected many fabricating shops under contract, although the impact on production developed some time ago. For the month of August delivery, including unrated orders, is not brisk.

**Pittsburgh** — Plate mills are working at full capacity, though much absenteeism has cut back production to some extent. Most demand is for war essential work, though pressure is lighter than in preceding months.

**Wire Prices, Page 193**

**Prospects for delivery on high-carbon fine wire specialties for the late fourth quarter are fading. A volume of new unrated orders suspended at a higher rate than expected in some instances. Here and there openings appear for low carbon requiring minimum processing, for delivery scheduled on the whole shipment of this quarter will be under examination. Patenting and annealing, where loaded, are choke points. There is some easing in the overall situation**

ever, managed to turn out a small tonnage of low carbon wire.

**Tin Plate . . .**

**Tin Plate Prices, Page 193**

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has not seriously held back shipments of finished plate to consumers.

**Pittsburgh** — The three new electrolytic lines at Carnegie-Illinois' Irvin works continue to operate above capacity, with July output probably exceeding the record established during June, when production averaged 114 per cent of capacity. At the Corporation's Gary, Ind., works, however, only one of the three electrolytic lines is in operation. Average rate of electrolytic production at U. S. Steel Corp.'s other plants is around 50 per cent of capacity. No specific program has developed that will make more pronounced the shift from hot-dipped tin plate to greater use of electrolytic. However, revision of order

M-81 is under consideration, due to the immediate need to conserve pig tin supplies, and important changes in tin coating regulations governing certain type containers may be put into effect next quarter.

Mill tin plate shipments are still behind schedule, as a result of the moderate carryover tonnage, and it is improbable that the deficit can be made up this quarter. Although 1945 is not likely to be a spectacular year for crops, steady pressure for early shipment against third quarter schedules is noted from can manufacturers. Current signs point to a third quarter output of 933,000 tons of tin mill products, and little change is indicated for fourth quarter. Export

Sept. 30 will be the lowest for any quarter during the war.

## Rails, Cars . . .

Track Material Prices, Page 193

**New York** — Domestic freight inquiry continues to expand, with Chicago & North Western now inquiring for 800 seventy-ton gondolas, likely to be in the market soon for box cars. The Southern Pacific has increased its pending list from 1800 3550 freight cars, while the Louisville & Nashville is expected to step up inquiry from 2000 to 3000. The Baltimore & Ohio may increase its pending inquiry for 2000 to 4500.

Meanwhile, the Illinois Central placed 1800 freight cars with its shops, and the Clinchfield, 300 with Vernon Car Mfg. Co., Mt. Vernon, leaving 1050 yet to be reported placed. Western Maryland has contracted on 40 covered cement hopper cars American Car & Foundry Co., New York, and the Chesapeake & Ohio, 30 passenger train cars to Edward G. Budd Co., Philadelphia. Cincinnati has purchased 25 street cars from the St. Louis Car Co., St. Louis.

Actively pending at present, according to reliable trade estimates, are 215,000 freight cars. In addition, 600 to 6700 domestic cars are under tentative contemplation. Also approximately 680 passenger cars are actively pending.

Domestic freight cars now being ordered are largely for delivery in first half of next year, as orders already on schedule leave little material available for additional work this year.

Action is still suspended on 3000 freight cars for France and 6000 for India. Various other lists are pending for export, including approximately 2000 cars in the aggregate for Chile, Brazil and Mexico, and several hundred for Brazilian railroads, according to trade reports.

Featuring locomotive demand, award of 303 forty-two-gage 2-3-2 locomotives, for the United States Army, Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, has been awarded 181; American Locomotive Co., New York, 76; Davenport-Besler Corp., Davenport, Iowa, 46.

While 290 out of 500 locomotives ordered for Russia have been recently cancelled, American builders have substantial orders on hand. They are working on 700 for France, with the order expected to be completed by the end of this year; 190 for the United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Administration; also a number for Belgium and India.

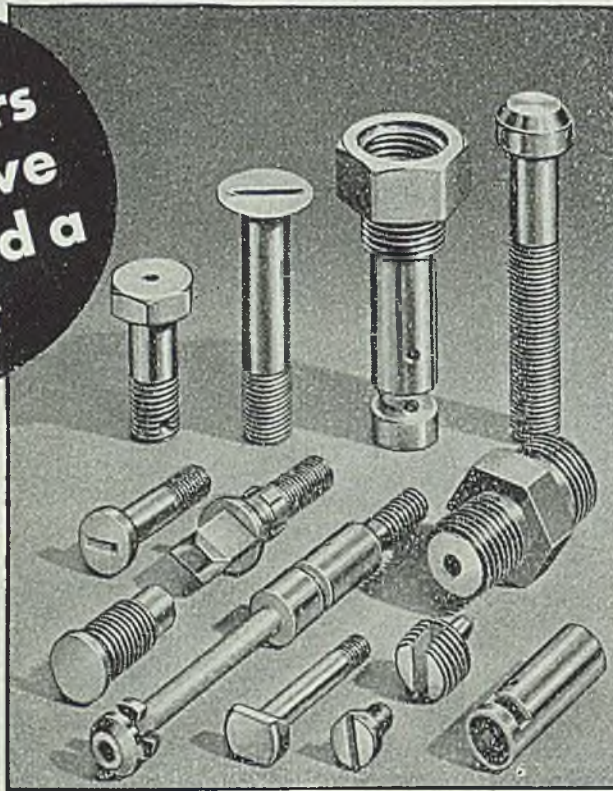
As schedules now stand, American Locomotive has 100 for Russia, 40 for UNRRA, 260 for France, 80 for Belgium and 76 forty-two-gage locomotives for the United States Army; Baldwin, 110 for Russia, 260 for France, 181 forty-two-gage for United States Army and 60 for Belgium; Lima Locomotive Works, Lima, O., 180 for France, 40 for UNRRA; and Davenport, 46 for United States Army.

## Structural Shapes . . .

Structural Shape Prices, Page 193

Increased demand for structural shapes is adding to mill backlogs and delivery promises are being extended, now the

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months. Contractors are back-  
about figuring on projects as deliv-  
likely to be in cold weather when  
struction is difficult. However, an  
number of contracts is being  
Some unrated tonnage may be  
late in third quarter, under  
conditions.

York — Featuring structural  
are 1100 tons for a power plant  
Consolidated Edison Co., Astoria,  
Island, and 1000 tons for a Dairy-  
League building, Manhattan, both  
going to the Utica Structural  
Co., Utica, N. Y. Other work in-  
270 tons for a factory building  
Congoleum Nairn Inc., Kearny, N. J.,  
with the Katchen Iron Works,  
N. J., this being in addition  
50 tons noted recently as placed with  
Fabricators, Bethlehem, Pa.,  
another building for this company.

Chicago — Fabricators are being  
to figure a multiplicity of small  
medium-sized jobs. However, the  
are of postwar character, which,  
with approval of WPB, will  
be given benefit of priority assist-  
Since fabricators cannot promise  
if they become successful bid-  
they are reticent to submit propo-  
sals. Engineering and estimating  
are small and insufficient to han-  
dle work on other than the most at-  
tractive projects.

Pittsburgh — There is little prospect  
of substantial unrated tonnage being  
ordered until late this quarter, as mill  
backlogs are extended into Sep-  
tember and beyond. Structural mills  
had little opportunity to increase  
production because raw steel made avail-  
able from the steady decline in plate  
requirements has been absorbed by in-  
creased output of sheets, strip and other  
postwar steel needs. There is good  
prospect of considerable improvement  
in some construction materials  
components toward the close of this  
year. On the basis of this favorable out-  
look there has been a substantial increase  
in inquiries for alterations and  
additions for store buildings and small  
improvement. However, most of  
the immediate postwar construction in-  
cludes bridges and highway work. In-  
creased railroad car construction over  
the remainder of this year is a major  
factor in the current structural outlook.

Philadelphia — An increased volume of  
structural projects, many still in the draw-  
ing board stage, are creating new in-  
quiries. Noted are a number of non-  
structural projects, probably inspired by grad-  
ual release of materials by WPB. Nu-  
merous bridges are included. The State  
Public Works Planning Commis-  
sion has approved an additional \$3,309,-  
000 for county postwar projects. Ingalls  
Shipbuilding Works, Verona, Pa., has received  
a 100-ton contract for a new building  
for the Harrison Radiator Division of  
General Motors Corp., Lockport, N. Y.  
Philadelphia — Shape deliveries now  
generally in November, on wide  
flanges as well as standard sections. The  
West Coast Navy program, involv-  
ing 4,000 tons for August rolling, is re-  
flected in this further tightening.

**Reinforcing Bars . . .**

Reinforcing Bar Prices, Page 193

St. Louis — Inquiries for reinforcing  
are increasing as building controls

ease. Contracts for several structures  
are to be let soon, involving 2000 to  
3000 tons. Delivery schedules on re-  
inforcing bars, rated and unrated, are  
September and later.

Chicago — Activity on reinforcing  
steel jobs ranging 100 tons and over  
is running light, no awards having come  
to light in the past week and only one  
new inquiry being current. The lat-  
ter is a diagnostic hospital for U. S.  
Veterans Administration to be built in  
Elgin, Ill., with bids Aug. 8. A tonnage  
estimate is not yet available. Reinforc-  
ing suppliers are devoting most of their  
time to a multiplicity of small jobs in-  
volving little tonnage but requiring con-  
siderable engineering attention. Many  
of the jobs have WPB approval but

must be handled without a priority on  
steel. Supply of steel being low and  
no immediate improvement in prospect,  
reinforcing interests attempt to be selec-  
tive in what they take on.

**Pig Iron . . .**

Pig Iron Prices, Page 195

Conditions in the pig iron market are  
decidedly tight, although sufficient iron  
has been supplied melters to meet cur-  
rent needs. However, reserves are small  
and a slight increase in melt would  
cause distress. In some areas car short-  
age interferes with shipments. Export  
inquiries are receiving little attention  
because of limited supply.

Pittsburgh — Fact that some steel



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producers have been forced to get additional pig iron from outside sources and inadequate foundry scrap, have combined to increase the overall demand for merchant iron. However, the consumption of merchant iron during July showed a seasonal decline. Demand this month is expected to absorb all output. Production continues limited by manpower shortage and to a greater extent by low coking coal supply and strikes. Iron stocks at producing points and foundries are declining somewhat as consumption is currently slightly in excess of production.

**New York** — Warm weather and vacation influences are expected to maintain pig iron melt in this district at about the same level as for July, when

operations were down somewhat from the preceding month. In view of stringency in iron, continued lull would prove welcome to most producers. Export inquiries are still coming out, but are receiving little consideration under the circumstances.

**Buffalo**—Shortage of scrap has further tightened the pig iron market as the two leading mill producers have all blast furnaces back on basic iron. One mill, in desperate need of scrap, turned its sixth blast unit to basic iron after a short period of merchant production. A big part of the latter was reported for shipment to New England consumers. Sellers are striving to get sufficient cars to meet pressing demands from other areas. Sellers attribute the recent car shortage

to an increased number of open being diverted from iron to grain. **St. Louis** — Pig iron remains with practically all production still under CMP. Lack of sufficient labor caused banking of one of Koppers' two blast furnaces, with no prospect of early resumption. Sellers have trouble meeting requirements and pressure is reported as great as at any time during the war. Little iron is available to civilian buyers. Manpower shortage is estimated at 10 per cent, slightly better than a week ago.

**Philadelphia** — Pig iron supply has been eased somewhat by resumption of a 1400-ton furnace at Bethlehem, after suspension of 30 days for repairs. Also contributing to better balance supply and demand is somewhat higher foundry melt, with likelihood that labor shortage, hot weather and vacations will continue to restrict production in August. But above all, manpower is the greatest limiting factor, with foundries generally complaining of lack of molders.

**Chicago** — Despite the fact that foundries in Chicago and Fox River valley remain idle for the second consecutive week because of the strike of approximately 1500 workers, iron demand has not eased as much as might have been expected. This situation, plus shortage of men in operating shops constitute a definite hold-down on production of castings. But further deterioration in blast furnace activity and the effort of melters to build up inventories to the allowed 30-day level continue to keep iron tight. Interlake Iron Co. has blown out Federal "B" stock again for relining. The other five idle are undergoing relining, repairs or rebuilding.

**Boston** — Although pig iron supply ample for current melt and 30-day inventory there is no margin and strain on Buffalo district furnaces continues. Likelihood of increased demand from integrated furnaces in near future is fading and resumption of blast by the district furnace is certain in view of the expected pinch. More concern is expressed for future requirements. Several consumers, increasing reconversion rules, continue handicapped by foundry labor shortage and are subcontracting extensively.

### Scrap . . .

Scrap Prices, Page 196

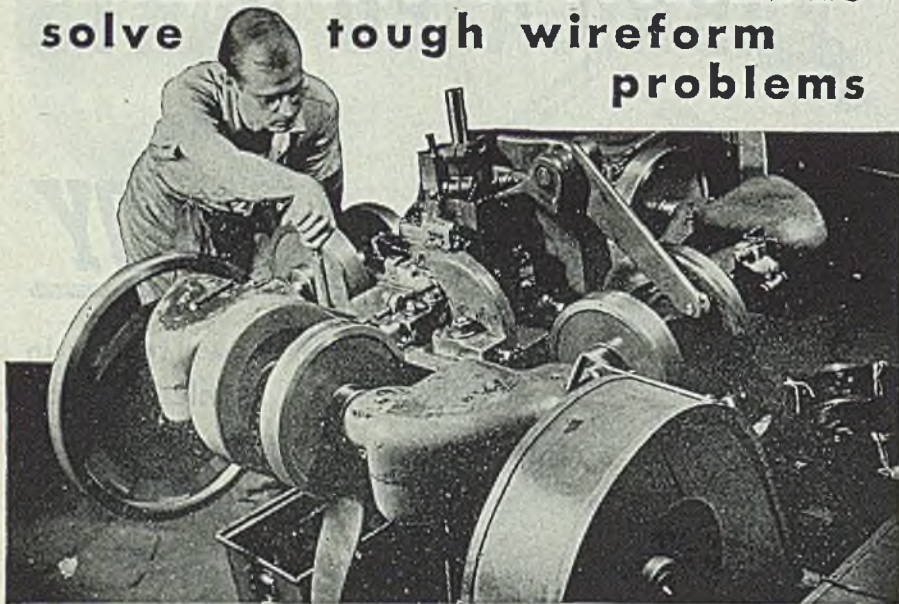
Tightness continues in scrap, many melters operating on small reserves and vainly seeking further supplies. Prices are at ceiling and strong on springboard and all other extras are paid. Fears for supply for winter are expressed. Lack of labor intensifies with yard processing and loading.

**Philadelphia** — With one large consumer exerting less pressure for change the scrap market is slightly eased. However, prices still are firm and production of shipyard scrap and turnings not as heavy. In certain grades, notably in low phos, demand appears heavier than in recent weeks, a situation emphasized by decline in production of plate scrap.

**Pittsburgh** — Flow of scrap to consumers in this district is well below normal. Scrap interests are becoming concerned over adequacy of scrap supplies for late fall and winter. Scrap increasingly difficult to get, with

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... lists only a fraction of normal  
... and production scrap steadily  
... finishing. Dealers and brokers are  
... having difficulty filling contracts, with  
... former experiencing no relief from  
... manpower shortage. A few in-  
... are reported of mills paying in  
... of the \$1 freight equalization on  
... heavy melting steel and turnings.  
... grades remain at ceiling.

**Buffalo** — Despite talk of war order  
... and cancellations, strength  
... more pronounced in the scrap  
... market. No new business of any con-  
... sequence was placed during the week.  
... dealers continued to ship against  
... placed large orders. Dealers,  
... however, demand ceiling prices for prac-  
... all items. Ceilings were asked  
... following reports that Pitts-  
... and Valley consumers were plac-  
... orders with midstate sellers at top  
... plus full springboard. Bolstering  
... sentiment and the market is  
... depleted stockpile of a top consumer,  
... is operating almost on a hand-to-  
... basis. Another boatload of 5000  
... has arrived from the Duluth area.  
**Cincinnati** — Consumer interest in iron  
... steel scrap has been revived after  
... had all appearances of a pre-war,  
... lull. One district mill, out of  
... market for many weeks, re-entered  
... a purchase of open-hearth scrap  
... move to maintain its stockpiles.  
... strength in nearby districts on borings  
... turnings, combined with a slackening  
... output, sent prices up 50 cents  
... Some specialties, for which  
... were found scarce recently, are  
... better demand.

**Louis** — Scrap supply continues  
... lack of better grades pushing turn-  
... and borings to their ceiling, with  
... takers at that level. Two large  
... are easing out of the market,  
... outcome of the war and, in one  
... case, a Defense Plant Corp. decision  
... three government-owned furnaces.  
... have been shut down, reducing  
... mill's scrap needs 50 per cent or  
... Mill reserves are reported at  
... 60 days. Contract cutbacks have  
... slowed broker orders. Dealer  
... are slow, labor being short.  
... heavy melting steel is in greatest  
... demand.

**Chicago** — Now that all grades of car-  
... scrap are back at ceiling prices in-  
... of consumers centers in getting  
... desired. Factory material is  
... a reflection of war contract  
... especially noticeable in borings  
... turnings. At the same time, deal-  
... yards are accumulating less and man-  
... scarcity holds back its process-  
... Country scrap fails to appear in  
... volume. Steel mill receipts  
... requirements, with prospects that  
... may drop off to threaten the bal-  
... Insufficient hot metal, because  
... blast furnaces down for repairs, forces  
... scrap consumption.

**Boston** — Demand for scrap is strong  
... selling prices, including borings and  
... turnings, with supply of shipyard and  
... industrial scrap lower. Overall produc-  
... of turnings is well under half what  
... was the first of the year. Demand  
... low plus and foundry grades is also  
... and some consumers are building  
... reserves of cast where possible. Prices  
... unprepared scrap are lower.

**Cleveland** — The situation in steel

and iron scrap is tight and all prices  
... are at ceiling. Melters are taking all  
... material made available by dealers and  
... all are having trouble obtaining as much  
... as they need. Supply is relatively small  
... and difficulty is met in preparing col-  
... lections, because of short labor supply.

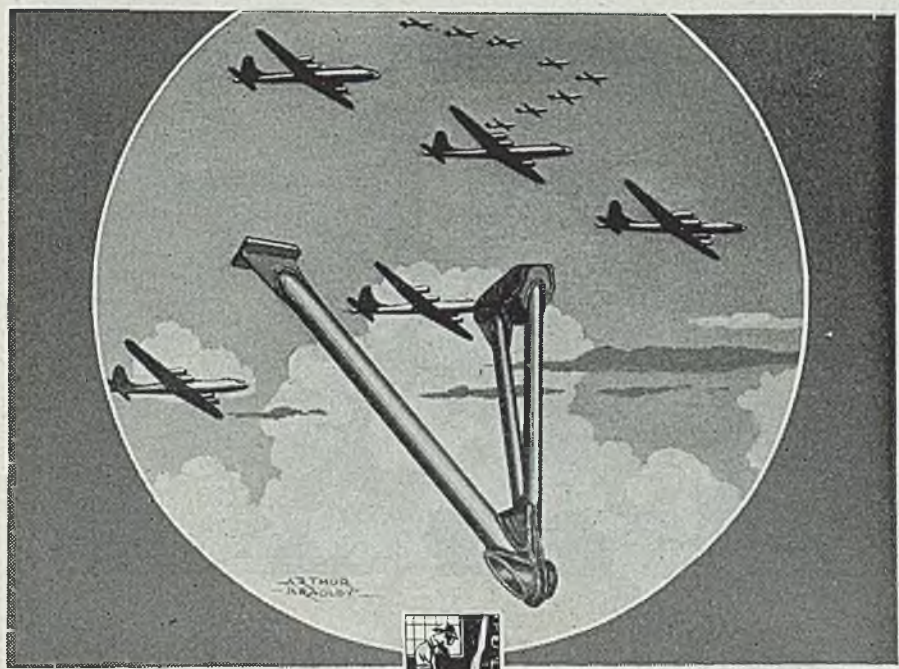
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### Canada . . .

Toronto, Ont. — While there has been some curtailment in buying in the Canadian steel market as a result of the holiday season, overall demand has not slackened. Inquiries continue in good

volume with most associated with civilian requirements. There has been considerable tapering in demand on war account, while at the same time a number of large war orders have been canceled. Despite these conditions there has been no actual easing in supply as far as major items are concerned and on most new bookings producers are unable to give definite delivery promise.

Announcement has just been made by C. D. Howe, minister of munitions and supply, of lifting of steel control on distribution of steel from warehouses. The order just rescinded limited the amount of steel which any customer could purchase from warehouse for purposes other than war and highly essential civilian production, to ten tons of carbon steel

and two tons of alloy steel during each calendar quarter.

### Steel in Europe . . .

London — (By Radio) — Industry in Great Britain welcomes the five-year plan for modernization but the immediate outlook is uncertain. August business is restricted by the holiday season. Shortage of manpower continues to limit production.

### Iron Ore . . .

Iron Ore Prices, Page 194

Lake Superior iron ore loaded at upper lakes ports in July totaled 11,372,300 gross tons, compared with 12,908,972 tons in July, 1944, according to records of the Lake Superior Iron Ore Association, Cleveland. Season shipments to August 1 totaled 40,396,868 tons, against 42,285,902 tons to the same date last year. The new Canadian port at Port Arthur, Ont., put in service during the month to handle Steep Rock ore, loaded 130,000 tons. Decline in ore loadings is attributed to increased use of carriers transporting grain from the head of lakes.

As Aug. 1 is practically the middle of the season of navigation, indications for movement of close to 80,000 tons for the season, compared with 170,538 tons transported in the same season in 1944.

### Warehouse . . .

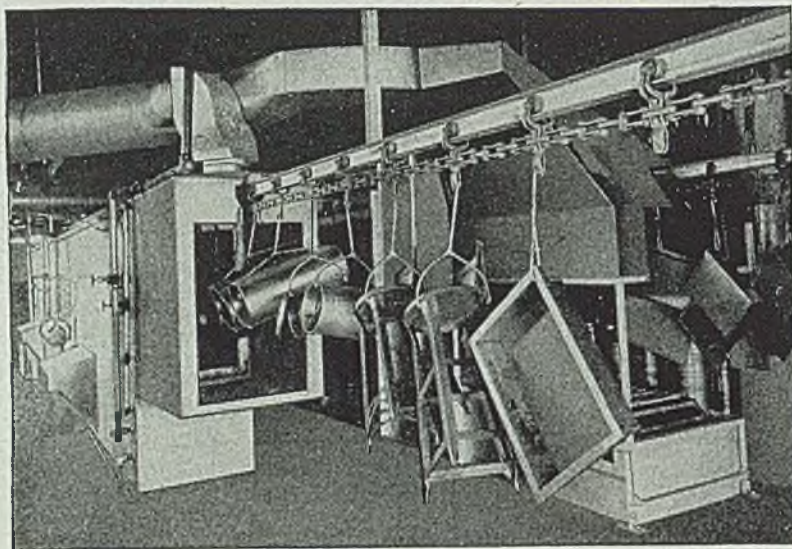
Warehouse Prices, Page 194

Pittsburgh — Shipments out of warehouse stock during July maintained active pace of preceding months, some interests reporting an increase of 5 per cent in sales. No lessening of warehouse steel demand is indicated over the next two months. However, when war contract cancellations begin to appear in heavy volume, much of present demand on warehouse stock will return to normal mill sources. Further decline in distributors' stocks occurred during July, with sheet showing largest decline. However, most are in fairly good balance with current requirements.

### STRUCTURAL SHAPES . . .

STRUCTURAL STEEL PLACED

- 2000 tons, Harrison Radiator Division of General Motors Corp., Lockport, N. Y., to Iron Works Co., Verona, Pa., John W. Co. per Co. Inc., Buffalo, general contractor.
- 5200 tons, assembly plant, Robertson, Mo., Ford Motor Co., to American Bridge Co., Pittsburgh; bids June 20.
- 1100 tons, extension to cellophane plant, Iowa, for E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. Inc., to Clinton Bridge Works Co., Iowa; bids June 20.
- 1100 tons, power plant, for Consolidated Edison Co., Astoria, Long Island, through Kaye Construction Co., Brooklyn, general contractor, to the Utica Structural Steel Co., Utica, N. Y.
- 1000 tons, Dairyman's League building, Manhattan, New York, through Karl Koch, contractor, New York, to Utica Structural Steel Co., Utica, N. Y.
- 960 tons, bridge requirements, various locations, for Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, 780 tons to Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem, Pa., 90 tons to American Bridge Co., Pittsburgh, and 90 tons to Journe



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Ryerson & Son Inc., Chicago; bids July 10.  
 200 tons, addition, Link-Belt Co., Indianapolis,  
 to Joseph T. Ryerson & Son Inc., Chicago;  
 Carl M. Guepel, Indianapolis, contractor.

200 tons, bridges, 209 tons in Saline county,  
 Mo., and 100 tons in Gentry county, Mo.,  
 for state highway commission, to Kansas City  
 Structural Steel Co., Kansas City, Kans.; C.  
 E. Maxwell & Son, Columbus, Kans., con-  
 tractor; bids June 15.

tons, addition to Transite pipe building,  
 Waukegan, Ill., for Johns-Manville, to Amer-  
 ican Bridge Co., Pittsburgh.

tons, manufacturing building, Columbia  
 Pipe & Supply Co., Chicago, to American  
 Bridge Co., Pittsburgh; Algot B. Larson,  
 Chicago, contractor; bids June 4.

tons, factory building, Congoleum Nairn  
 Co., Kearny, N. J., through Turner Con-  
 struction Co., to the Katchen Iron Works,  
 Newark, N. J.; this is in addition to another  
 building, involving 265 tons, recently noted  
 as placed with Bethlehem Fabricators, Beth-  
 lehem, Pa.

tons, Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., Ishmeling,  
 Mich., to Worden-Allen Co., Milwaukee.

tons, Baltimore & Ohio freight terminal,  
 Eleventh avenue and 24th Street, Manhat-  
 tan, New York City, to Bethlehem Fabrica-  
 tors, Bethlehem, Pa.

tons, barrel racks for North American  
 Warehouse Co., Philadelphia, to Bethlehem  
 Steel Co., Bethlehem, Pa., through McClos-  
 key & Co., Philadelphia.

tons, warehouse and enameling building,  
 American Stove Co., St. Louis; bids July 15.

tons, beam and girder bridges, Cameron  
 County, Tex., for state highway department.

tons, five factory buildings, C. B. Hill Co.,  
 Gaston, N. J.; bids Aug. 7.

tons, billet conditioning building, Alan  
 Steel Co., Conshohocken, Pa., to Beth-  
 lehem Iron Works, Philadelphia.

tons, parts building, Ford Motor Co., Den-  
 ver; bids Aug. 2.

tons, factory building, American Coating  
 Co. Inc., Elkhart, Ind.; bids June 19.

tons, factory building, F. L. Jacobs Co.,  
 Carville, Ill.

tons, crane runway, Philadelphia Navy yard.

tons, building, Bureau of Census, Suit-  
 land, Md., to Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethle-  
 hem, Pa., through Charles H. Tompkins,  
 contractor.

tons, Mystic station, Boston Edison Co.,  
 Boston, to Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem,  
 Pa., through Thomas O'Connor, contractor.

tons, Harrison Radiator Division of Gen-  
 eral Motors Corp., Lockport, N. Y., to Trus-  
 steel Steel Co., Buffalo.

tons, bulkhead, Norfolk & Western Rail-  
 road, Lambert's Point, Va.

tons, U. S. Veterans hospital, Rutland,  
 Vt., Mass.

tons, highway bridge, Arlington, Va.

tons, tunnel for General Electric Co., Syra-  
 cuse, N. Y.

tons, state hospital, Byberry Grounds,  
 Philadelphia.

tons, Great Northern Railroad, St. Paul,  
 American Bridge Co., Pittsburgh.

tons, 30 passenger train cars,  
 Edward G. Budd Mfg. Co., Philadelphia.

Cincinnati, 25 street cars, to St. Louis Car Co.,  
 St. Louis.

Clinchfield Railroad Co., 300 fifty-ton steel  
 box cars, to Mt. Vernon Car Mfg. Co., Mt.  
 Vernon, Ill.; this leaves 1050 freight cars  
 yet to be reported as placed.

Illinois Central, 1800 freight cars; to own  
 shops.

Western Maryland, 40 seventy-ton covered ce-  
 ment hopper cars, to American Car & Found-  
 ry Co., New York.

**RAILROAD CARS PENDING**

Baltimore & Ohio, now inquiring for 2000,  
 may increase its list to 4500, according to  
 trade reports.

Chicago & Northwestern, 800 seventy-ton gon-  
 dolas, bids asked; inquiry for 1300 box cars  
 is expected to be issued momentarily.

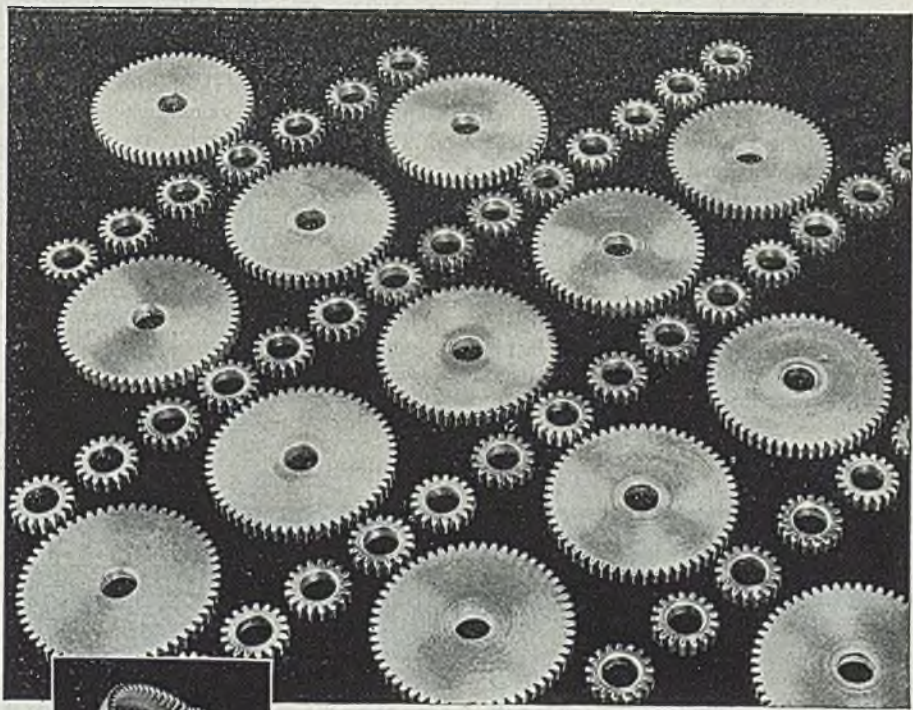
Louisville & Nashville, now inquiring for 2000  
 freight cars, is expected to be in the market  
 shortly for an additional 1000.

Southern Pacific, 3550 freight cars, including  
 1800 recently reported as pending; list now  
 comprises 1600 box, 550 general service  
 gondolas, 200 tight bottom gondolas, 250  
 seventy-ton hoppers and 150 seventy-ton cov-  
 ered hoppers.

**LOCOMOTIVES PLACED**

United States Army, 303 forty-two-gage 2-8-2  
 type steam locomotives, 181 going to Bald-  
 win Locomotive Works, Philadelphia; 76 to  
 American Locomotive Co., New York; and  
 46 to Davenport-Besler Corp., Davenport,  
 Iowa.

Virginian, five 2-8-4 type steam locomotives, to  
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## Number of Foundries in U. S. and Canada Increases

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exclusively, while 1245 represent departments of plants also making ferrous castings. A large number of the "exclusive" group make more than one type of non-ferrous casting, in many cases combining brass and aluminum, or aluminum and magnesium. Canada had a sharp jump in number of nonferrous producers from 278 to 358, nearly 29 per cent.

Brass and bronze castings dominate the nonferrous group in the United States with 2329 producers of this type, although aluminum is a close second with 2210 sources. The magnesium total is 89 foundries. The permanent mold casting process has experienced further growth since 1943, this type of casting being furnished by 336 foundries in the United States and 35 in Canada, compared with 258 and 29, respectively, two years ago. Producers of centrifugal castings number 187 in the United States and 20 in Canada.

California shows the largest percentage growth in total number of plants since 1943—from 331 to 392, or 18.5 per cent—and now is tied with Illinois as the fourth leading foundry state in number of establishments. The California gain occurred principally in nonferrous foundries, reflection of the state's aircraft

industry, and places it fourth among all states and only 20 below Pennsylvania, the leader, in total producers of that type. California's 215 producers of aluminum castings are exceeded in number only by New York's 222, and it is practically tied with Michigan and Ohio for top ranking in number of magnesium foundries.

Pennsylvania still is the nation's leading foundry state, although its margin over second-place Ohio has been cut slightly. Ranking of the remaining eight leading states is: New York, California and Illinois (tied), Michigan, Indiana, Massachusetts, Wisconsin and New Jersey. This group accounts for 3425 foundries, or 68 per cent of the country's total, practically the same percentage as in 1943. Next to California, New Jersey and Wisconsin showed the largest percentage increases of the leading states in total number of foundries compared with 1943, their gains being 8.7 and 8.1 per cent respectively.

Cities having the largest number of foundries rank as follows: Chicago 170, Los Angeles 151, Cleveland 110, Detroit 102, New York 95, Milwaukee 72, Philadelphia 67, Boston 61, Cincinnati 56, Toronto 53, St. Louis 51, Buffalo 45. Pittsburgh proper has 35 foundries, although its immediate suburbs include an additional 28 plants. San Francisco and Oakland combined have 55 foundries, while Minneapolis and St. Paul have 64.

## CONSTRUCTION AND ENTERPRISE

OHIO

AKRON—George F. Eddy, 1969 South Main street, will build a machine shop addition 18 x 67 feet, to cost about \$3000.

ALLIANCE, O.—American Steel Foundries, 410 North Michigan avenue, Chicago, has 1001 East Broadway, Alliance, will build plant addition and install paint spraying system, to cost about \$29,000.

CANTON, O.—Timken Roller Bearing Co. has WPB authorization for construction of one-story 91 x 200-foot general electric repair shop, to cost \$131,100.

CLEVELAND—Oliver Corp., formerly Cleveland Tractor Co., East 193rd and East 194th avenue, has received WPB approval for one-story 160 x 181-foot plant addition, to cost \$709,300.

CLEVELAND—Bo-Sal Products Inc. has been incorporated with \$50,000 capital to manufacture precision machine parts, by Joseph Bozotl, president, and Earl R. Salsburgh, treasurer, and will be established at 3412 Clark avenue.

CLEVELAND—Anchor Machine Products Co., 1646 Doan avenue, will build a one-story 187 x 204-foot plant addition.

CLEVELAND—Fisher Body Division of General Motors Corp., Edward J. Gleason, resident manager, East 140th and Coit road, will start work soon on a one-story 108 x 140-foot die shop at 13821 Coit avenue, to cost about \$90,000.

CLEVELAND—McGeen Chemical Co., R. L. McGeen, vice president and general manager, 1106 Republic building, will start work on construction of a second-story machine shop addition 50 x 50 feet, at 2910 Harvard avenue, to cost about \$10,000.

CLEVELAND—Addressograph—Multigraph Corp., 1200 Babbitt road, Euclid, O., will build a one-story plant addition 60 x 80 feet, and install scales, sprinkler system, conveyors, etc., at cost of about \$256,392.

CLEVELAND—Green Ball Bearing Co., J. Dever, vice president, 1965 East 66th street, has leased 10,000 feet of additional space and will install \$30,000 worth of machinery.

MANSFIELD, O.—Ohio Welding & Boiler Repair Co has been incorporated with \$25,000 capital by William L. Kann Jr., and associates. Henkel & Congwer, Farns Bank building, are agents.

NILES, O.—Lamp department General Electric Co., Cleveland, has WPB authorization for building 100 x 288 feet, at Niles, for manufacture of sealed beam lamps.

PETROLEUM, O.—General American Transportation Corp., East Chicago, Ind., has WPB authorization for building 70 x 340 feet and leanto 20 x 300 feet, for use as machine shop, at Petroleum, to cost about \$247,360.

SALEM, O.—Salem Stamping & Mfg. Co., subsidiary of Schnell Tool & Die Co., 631 W. State street, has been incorporated to manufacture stamping and metal machine parts.

SANDUSKY, O.—Union Chain & Mfg. Co. will build a one-story addition of 10,000 square feet for pattern shop and lunch room, to cost about \$25,000. Project awaits WPB material priorities permission.

WARREN, O.—Copperweld Steel Co. has WPB authorization for an addition 21 x 945 feet and to install equipment, to cost \$57,380.

NEW YORK

BUFFALO—American Radiator & Sanitary Corp., 1803 Elmwood avenue, will expand production of stampings in the postwar

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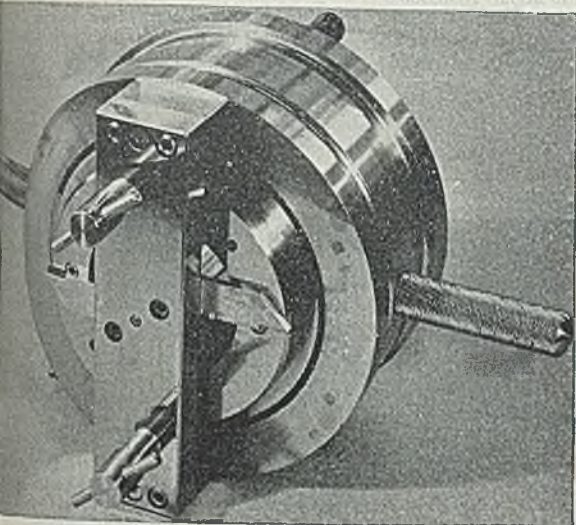
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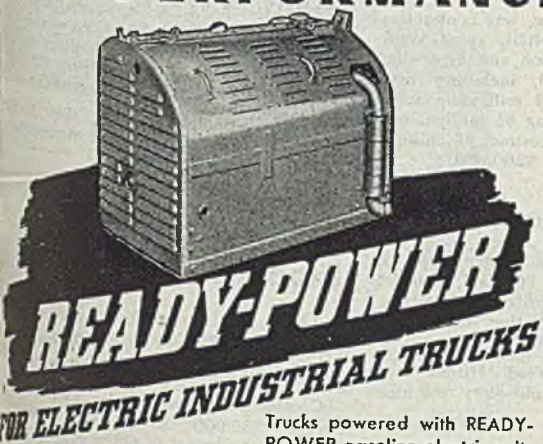
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## PENNSYLVANIA

**BETHLEHEM, PA.**—Bethlehem Steel Co., has WPB authorization for construction of an addition to its plant at Johnstown, Pa., and installation of boring and turning equipment. etc. Also authorized to construct building at Johnstown to house and service machine tools, to cost about \$187,000.

**CORRY, PA.**—Raymond Mfg. Co. has received WPB approval for a three-story plant addition and replacement of elevator, transformers, switchboards, etc. to cost \$301,770.

**PITTSBURGH**—Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. has WPB authorization for installation of additional facilities, heating furnace, conveyors, timing units, etc., at Dravosburg, Pa., for manufacture of tin plate products, costing \$6,410,000

## MICHIGAN

**DETROIT**—LaSalle Sales & Mfg. Co., 424 Brook building, has been incorporated with 25,000 shares preferred and 100 shares common, no par value, to deal in tools, dies and jigs, by Carl L. Skidmore, 4250 Cornwall drive, Berkley.

**DETROIT**—Standard Fabricating Co. Inc. has been incorporated with \$500,000 capital to deal in iron, steel and metal products, by David E. Roberts, 2230 Buhl building.

**FLINT, MICH.**—C. N. Monroe Mfg. Co., 23325 Dort Highway, has been incorporated with \$200,000 capital to do a general manufacturing business, by Clarence N. Monroe, 1312 East Court street, Flint.

**HIGHLAND PARK, MICH.**—Aircor Engineering & Mfg. Co., 14300 Oakland avenue, has been incorporated with 2500 shares no par value to do a general manufacturing and engineering business, by Benjamin Schaffer, 11845 LaSalle boulevard.

## ILLINOIS

**FAIRFIELD, ILL.**—Chefford Master Mfg. Co., Benjamin Frankel, president, will build a manufacturing plant to cost \$250,000.

## MARYLAND

**BALTIMORE**—Flynn & Emerich Co., with machine shop at 301 North Holliday street and foundry at Grantley avenue and Western Maryland railroad, will build a one-story addition 40 x 121 feet to its foundry, for cleaning and shipping departments. A core room addition was completed early this year.

**BALTIMORE**—Baltimore Foundry & Machine Corp., Charles and Wells streets, is building a one-story machine shop addition 48 x 80 feet. Company is controlled by McConway & Torley Corp., Pittsburgh, which last fall bought the plant of the Kennedy Corp. and changed its name to the above. Equipment of plants of the Harrison Bolt & Nut Co., Harrison, N. J., and Aetna Forge & Rivet Co., Pittsburgh, will be installed here as soon as conditions permit.

**BALTIMORE**—Armor Tred Tire Corp., 1600 Patapsco avenue, has let contract for a one-story plant 58 x 158 feet at 1900 Patapsco avenue, to which it will remove its operations. Fred H. Hesse is president and E. A. Finke is general manager.

**BALTIMORE**—E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. plans an important plant expansion for postwar construction, at 2001 Benhill street, Curtis Bay, Md. Plans to produce titanium oxide and similar materials.

**BALTIMORE**—Seaboard Asphalt Products Inc. will rebuild its burned plant in Fourth avenue, East Brooklyn, Md.

## DELAWARE

**WILMINGTON, DEL.**—Delaware Power &

Light Co., Sixth and Market streets, has plans for a gas chamber to cost about \$800,000. United Engineers & Constructors Inc., 1401 North Arch street, Philadelphia, are engineers.

## MISSOURI

**ST. LOUIS**—Omar Tool Co., 2350 Palm street, has let contracts for a machine shop addition at 2547 Herbert street, one-story, 49 x 58½ feet, to cost about \$7500. Cay G. Weinel, 7220 Dorset street, University City, St. Louis county, is architect.

**ST. LOUIS**—Ritepoint Co., 1116 South Grand boulevard, manufacturer of pens, etc., has let contract to Fred Daus & Sons, 3117 Pine street, for a one-story 150 x 190-foot plant and office building at 4350 South Kingshighway, to cost about \$100,000.

**ST. LOUIS**—Barry-Wehmiller Machinery Co., 4660 West Florissant avenue is seeking priority on materials for a building expansion program to cost about \$250,000. Paul W. Wehmiller is vice president.

**ST. LOUIS**—National Bearing Metals Division of American Brake Shoe Co., 2930 Manchester avenue, has bought a tract of 98,100 square feet, adjoining the present American Brake Shoe Co. plant.

## MINNESOTA

**LAKE CITY, MINN.**—Gillette & Eaton Inc., W. C. Cheney, general manager, has let contract to Fred M. Olson for two one-story additions to foundry and machine shop, 50 x 107 and 24 x 50 feet, for manufacture of steel pistons and sleeve castings.

**MINNEAPOLIS**—H. V. Johnston Culvert Co. is remodeling building at 4724 North Mississippi drive for factory to manufacture corrugated metal culverts.

**MINNEAPOLIS**—G. S. W. Co., 1310 East Franklin avenue, manufacturer of farm equipment, has let contract for a one-story plant 50 x 100 feet, in St. Louis Park.

**MINNEAPOLIS**—Monomelt Co. Inc., manufacturer of type metal systems, has let contract for a one-story plant addition.

**MINNEAPOLIS**—Acme Foundry Co., 3161 Hiawatha avenue, has let contract for a one-story foundry addition.

**MINNEAPOLIS**—General Metalware Co., 1401 Central avenue, manufacturer of sheet metal products, has let contract for a one-story plant addition.

**ROCHESTER, MINN.**—Walters-Conley Co. plans construction of a one-story plant addition 77 x 84 feet.

**ST. PAUL**—Brown & Bigelow, war contractors and manufacturers of novelties, await WPB approval for plant conversion and expansion to cost about \$5,200,000, including new equipment costing about \$2 million, conversion of four buildings costing \$1 million, enlargement of main plant costing \$1 million and equipment conversion \$200,000.

## NORTH DAKOTA

**BEACH, N. DAK.**—Northern Pacific railroad, Northern Pacific building, St. Paul, will let contracts soon for a 500-ton coaling station, including drier house, hoisting machinery, etc., to cost about \$120,000.

**ELLENDALE, N. DAK.**—Fred Hillius has started construction of a one-story machine shop 50 x 90 feet.

## IOWA

**CHEROKEE, IOWA**—Joseph Schissel has bought site for plant to manufacture power lawn mowers.

**MASON CITY, IOWA**—International Minerals & Chemical Corp., 61 Broadway, New York, plans erection here of a fertilizer plant to cost over \$100,000, with equipment.

## MONTANA

**LIVINGSTON, MONT.**—Park Electric Co-operative Inc. will receive bids Aug. 4 for 99½ miles of power line in Park, Gallatin and Sweet Grass counties. Toivo Karhunen, Helena, Mont., is engineer.

## CALIFORNIA

**HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.**—Fonda Machine Co., 8460 Santa Monica boulevard, West Hollywood is building an addition 20 x 43 feet, to cost about \$6500.

**LOS ANGELES**—California Comice Steel Supply Co., 1601 Naud street, has building permit for alterations and improvements to plant, to cost about \$3000.

**LOS ANGELES**—Drake Steel Supply Co. has building permit for plant building at 2633 Century boulevard, Florence District, 70 x 280 feet, to cost about \$42,000.

**LOS ANGELES**—Pacific Pipe Line Construction Co. is building a plant addition at 5122 Juniper street, to cost about \$1100.

**LOS ANGELES**—Coast Sperline Tool Co., 8122 South Compton avenue, is building an addition 38 x 60 feet, to cost about \$4500.

**SAN DIEGO, CALIF.**—Plans are completed and bids taken for additional facilities at plant of Ryan Aeronautical Co. at 2701 Harbor Drive, to cost about \$40,000.

## OREGON

**INDEPENDENCE, OREG.**—City has commissioned R. H. Corey, Portland, Oreg., engineer, to prepare plans for proposed sewer disposal plant and sewer extensions, estimated to cost about \$50,000.

**PENDLETON, OREG.**—Walter R. Vanhook, 512 NW Eighth avenue, plans construction of a machine shop for precision work and motor vehicle repair.

## WASHINGTON

**LONGVIEW, WASH.**—Anderson Blowpipe Mfg. Co., Seattle, has contract to replace and improve dust collecting system at local plant of Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., approved by WPB.

**SEATTLE**—Rovan Mfg. Co. has been incorporated with \$100,000 capital to deal in machinery, by H. C. Vanvalkenburg, 441 East Pine street, and associates.

**SEATTLE**—Georgia Foundry Co. has been incorporated with \$10,000 capital by R. Seidelenbacher, 448 Ravenna boulevard, and associates.

**SEATTLE**—Todd-Pacific Shipbuilding Co. has let contract to General Construction Co. for installation of additional facilities at Plant No. 1 machine shop, totaling about \$30,000, including monitored bridge crane way addition.

**SEATTLE**—Seattle Gas Co. plans installation of six 15,000-gallon steel storage tanks at 2001 Northlake avenue.

## DPC Authorizes Plant Expansion, Equipment

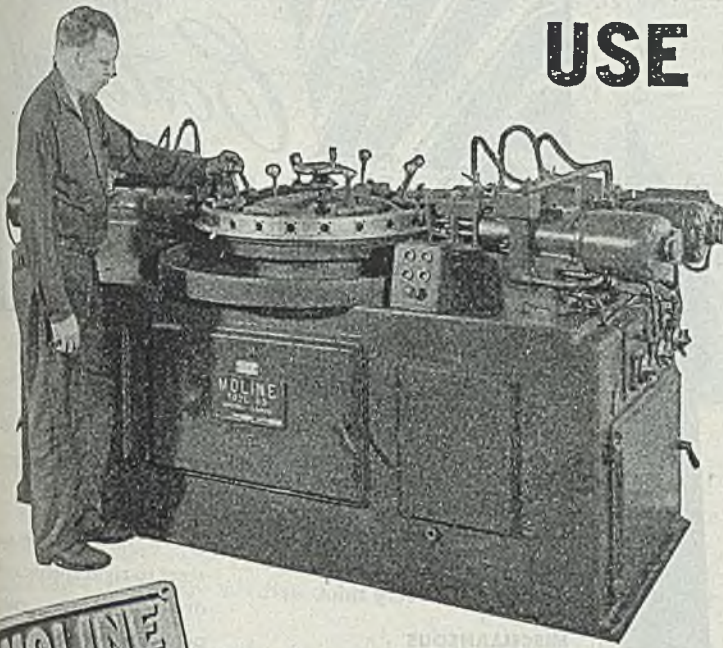
Defense Plant Corp. has authorized purchases (figures are approximate) of the following expansions and equipment:

Continental Transportation Lines Inc., Pittsburgh, \$85,000 to provide transportation facilities, at request of Office of Defense Transportation.

Harris Motor Lines Inc., Charlotte, N. C., \$55,000, to furnish motor transport equipment, at request of Office of Defense Transportation.

Pacific Intermountain Express, Salt Lake City, Utah, \$300,000 increase in contract making overall commitment \$700,000, at request of Office of Defense Transportation.

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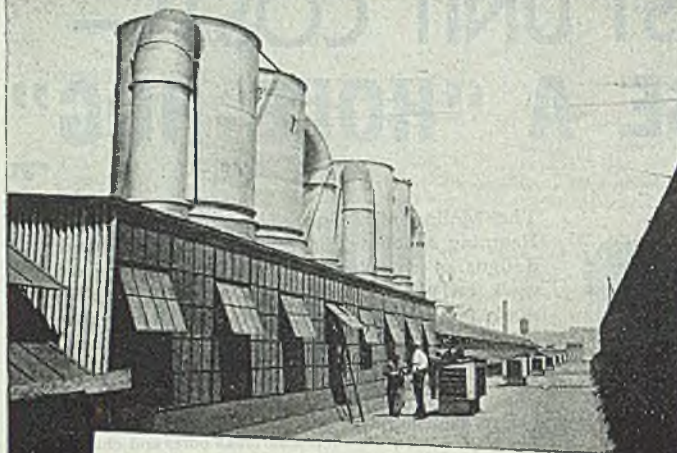
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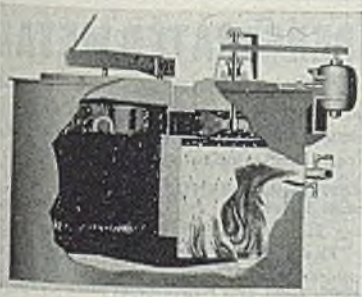
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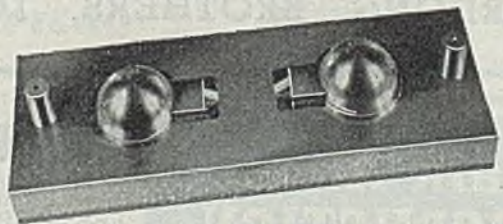
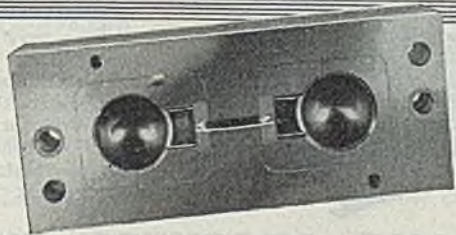
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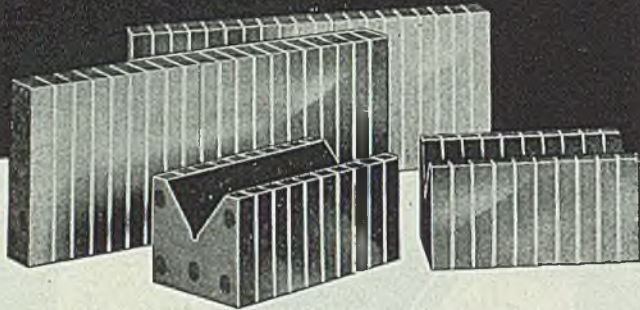
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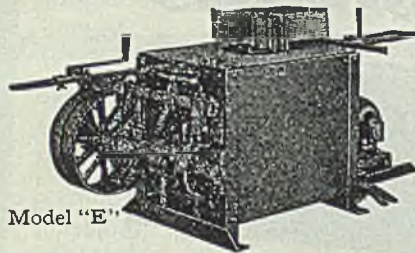
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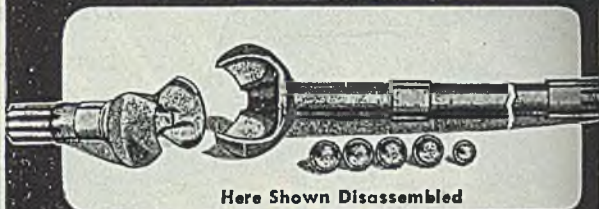
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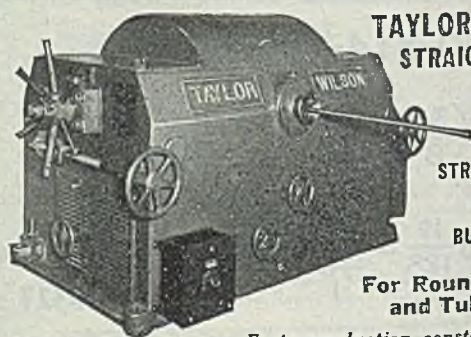
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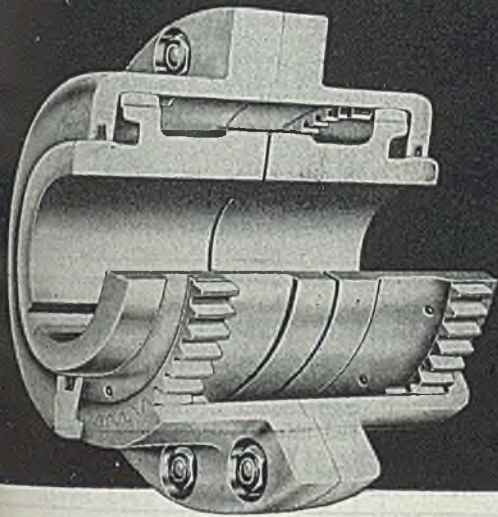
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