

### Bids Are Invited On Dredging Work

The scheduled opening of bids for two dredging projects in the Baltimore engineer district was announced last night by Lieut. Col. H. L. Robb, Corps of Engineers, War Department.

Contractors have been invited to submit bids on May 23 for dredging approximately 428,000 cubic yards of material in connection with the building of a three-mile-long channel connecting the Big Annessex and the Little Annessex rivers near Crisfield.

Engineers designate this job as a land cut, in that the route of the channel is through a swamp.

The water link will provide a sheltered passageway for small fishing craft moving between fishing grounds and Crisfield harbor, as contrasted with the crossing of Tangier Sound.

The channel will be 7 feet deep and 60 feet wide.

On May 31 bids will be opened at the district engineer's office for dredging about 108,000 cubic yards of materials at Char les City, Va.

### New Philippine Immigration Bill Called 'Unfriendly'

Behind the Far Eastern crisis precipitated by the new Philippine Immigration Bill a few days ago is a steady and persistent influx of Japanese into the islands over the past two decades, the latest March of Time film at the Avalon Theatre reveals.

The new Immigration Bill passed by the Philippine Assembly last week, limits to 500 the number of immigrants that will be admitted from any coun-

try annually, and is viewed by Japanese officials in Tokio as an "unfriendly act." Japanese immigration to the Philippines has averaged about 2,000 annually.

Passed by an overwhelming vote of 67 to 1, the new bill requires only the signatures of President Roosevelt and Philippine President Manuel Quezon to become law. The bill was originated by President Quezon who has been alarmed by mounting Japanese ambitions in the South Pacific.

In its latest film, "The Philippines: 1898-1946", The March of Time shows how the steady economic penetration of the islands by their hardworking and ambitious Japanese neighbors has been a constant source of concern to Americans and Fili-

pinos alike. Japanese immigrants the film shows, have been subsidized by government and have circumvented restrictions so successfully that they now have a firm foothold in Philippine business and commerce. Japanese merchants today control 35 per cent of all retail trade in the islands. The March of Time reveals.

Today, the film shows, many people in Manila believe that a Japanese "Fifth Column"—an advance guard for occupation of the Philippines—is already at work laying the foundation for absorption of the islands into the Japanese Empire after their independence becomes effective in 1946.

Fear of Japanese aggression, The March of Time shows, has already led to the establishment of a new political faction

which is now seeking to abandon the idea of complete independence in favor of U. S. dominion status and permanent protection under the American flag.

The new March of Time on "The Philippines" will be shown at the Avalon Theatre, Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18.

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