

The President is asking for a new plane every four minutes, a new tank every seven minutes, two ships a day, and submarines, guns, torpedoes, ammunition and other war equipment in proportion. Production rates are to be doubled and tripled and quadrupled. All this, not in years to come but in months, for speed is of the essence. Our Axis enemies tried to catch us flat-footed, and they hope to entrench themselves firmly in the vital areas before we can adjust ourselves to the production necessary to defeat them.

They haven't figured, though, on the American temperament, on American determination. No other nation in the world could adjust itself in the time that may be allotted. We can, however, and we will. Before many months have passed, the Germans and Japanese, and Italians will think the whole world has turned to arms against them. They will see more planes and tanks and guns than anyone thought this world could produce.

Maybe Mr. Hitler has a premonition of that right now. Up to this time, in his annual harangue to the German people, he has boastfully promised them victories surpassing the imagination. but for 1942. he makes no predictions at all of ultimate victory. It is the first time he has failed to do so. He must see the handwriting on the wall.

In such an all-out production program, however, every citizen of our land must cooperate to the fullest. Just because you may be called upon to run a machine in a war plant, doesn't mean that you can hold yourself aloof. Whatever your capacity, there will be need for your services, if only to replace persons who have been drafted into productive work. Particularly, everyone with specialized skill or knowledge of any kind had a distinct obligation now to place such skill or knowledge at the Nation's service.

In order to have the benefit of the experience of our ex-Service men; The American Legion with its large membership is asked to take active part in organizing schools for the training of civilians who are to be enrolled in the Citizens Defense Corps. Under this plan, selected members of the Legion of every Post in the State will assist in the formation of these training courses. The State, through our Defense Councils, will make available the services of technical experts and instructors.

We have in Maryland the outstanding training school at Edgewood Arsenal, considered the best in the Country, and in the quota of persons to be enrolled for future courses will be a goodly portion of Legionnaires. After the completion of the course at Edgewood Arsenal, State-wide schools will be conducted for a greater number at Legionnaires, and other civilians to provide a ten-day training course. Following these courses, the Legionnaires, returning to their own localities, will be asked to conduct similar schools under the jurisdiction of their local posts. Under this plan, it is expected that the greatest number of civilians can be trained and, fortunately, we will have the benefit of the services of veterans who have been through World War No. I.

Just as workers in the heavy industries must produce without limit, so, on our farms and in all phrases of agriculture and its related fields, the true Amer-