

work and his jurisdiction and his job is to see that they are ready to meet any defense emergency.

Chester Davis, member of the board of governors of the federal reserve system, heads the agriculture section, and its principal concern right now is to maintain parity between agricultural and industrial prices.

Leon Henderson, securities commission member, heads the division of price stabilization. Fighting profiteering is his function.

Miss Harriet Ellard, dean of women, Woman's college of North Carolina, is the consumer commissioner and her work is to protect consumers in the unregulated markets like the buying and selling of government securities and to coordinate the requirements of the defense department of essential goods.

OPM RESPONSIBILITIES.

Mr. Roosevelt created the OPM in January 1941 with its principal duties: to plan, coordinate, and regulate the production of defense materials and to insure efficient concentration of all activities of the government in that field.

The OPM is headed by Secretary of War Henry Stimson and Knox and the advisory committee, Knudsen and Hillman, and of them serving in dual capacities.

The work of the co-ordinators is more readily understandable when one gets trying to fit them into the organization puzzle which wraps them as defense officials who are working with both a commission and the OPM.

Paul W. McNair, chief of the manufacturing side of OPM, is in charge of the defense activities.

Nelson Rockefeller's title also requires considerable breath-taking before it is pronounced without pause. The son of one of the world's wealthiest families is coordinator of commercial and cultural relations between the American republics.

Charles F. Palmer, coordinator of defense housing, has been

given supervision of the entire defense housing program. Lieutenant Colonel Russell L. Maxwell has been made administrator of export control. The president has the power to prohibit all exports or to requisition materials prepared for export which may be needed for national defense. Maxwell handles the administration of these powers.

GIGANTIC SIZE.

The extent to which OPM has overshadowed all other defense efforts is shown by its size.

The defense commission started life in a few rooms of the ornate marble building occupied by the federal reserve board. In the manner of many government agencies, it soon outgrew its quarters and shortly before the OPM was established it occupied nearly every available bit of office space in the capital in nearly two dozen different buildings, including commercial and governmental edifices as well as in some converted houses and apartments.

It still is scattered haphazardly around the capital, but its size has shrunk from well over a thousand to about 700 employees.

In that block-long structure most of its approximately 900 employees work. Dollar-a-year men stand in line with government stenographers in the overcrowded cafeteria.

Lights gleam in the windows of the huge structure far into the night. Dollar-a-year men are not subject to a wage-hour law.

the possible involvement of the United States in the conflict, are viewed as real threats to the Latin America's remaining lifelines. These threats may not materialize but each of them is causing exporters more than a little worry.

The rate at which Hitler's undersea craft have been sending British merchant ships to the bottom has caused several observers to doubt that Britain will be able to maintain her trade routes to South America. So far, Britain has prided herself on delivering the goods to South America, but if the strain gets too great, purchases might be concentrated here, experts say.



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