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## Chickens, Cows and Truck Gardeners Work Overtime Under New Set-Up

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WASHINGTON—When a little red hen cackles nowadays, it's patriotic music no less important to U. S. defense than the clangor of a munitions factory.

Eggs and explosives are both key cogs in the defense machinery. Milk means as much as minesweepers, cheese and cannon are co-equal in importance. That's the word of Claude R. Wickard, secretary of agriculture.

Wickard goes further. He says food from U. S. farms will win the democracies' war, dictate the peace terms, and keep a permanent peace after the war. The department of agriculture has already mobilized U. S. farm power to write history with a pitchfork.

It's the biggest job American farmers ever tackled. The food-for-defense program calls for the greatest farm production in U. S. history in 1942.

There are three reasons given for expanded food production. First, our own consumption is growing. Increased wages mean increased demand for better food, more milk for the kids, more green vegetables. It means better national health, stepped up arms production.

Second, we have pledged ourselves to supply Britain with one quarter of her needs in animal protein—meat, eggs, dairy products. To Britain, that's the difference between adequate rations and malnutrition, between good and bad morale.

Third—and in the long run most important—we're building huge reserves or stockpiles of vitality-packed foods against the day when peace comes. It's going to be our biggest argument at the peace conference table. Undernourished, half-starved Europe will listen to reason—Uncle Sam's reason—if we control food supplies. They don't shoot Santa Claus in Europe, either.

To fill the needs of America, Britain and the stockpile, rural America has been organized into a vast food factory. Don't ever call the department of agriculture a "bunch of swivel chair farmers" after the job they did mobilizing the food for defense program.

Every county has a quota. Soon every farmer will know what's expected of him, down to

the last dozen eggs.

That's different than the last war. In 1917, farmers were urged to produce to the limit, but weren't told WHAT to produce. Result was uncontrolled, haphazard output. The bottom dropped out of prices. Overproduction then set the stage for depression and chaos in agriculture in the 1920'.

"We're trying to avoid the mistakes of the last war," Wickard says.

Quotas now are based on known requirements. Bureau of agricultural economics surveys show we have ample supplies of food and feed grains, cotton and tobacco. We're short of current and future needs in dairy products, eggs, pork, lard, vegetable oils and vegetables.

It means a sweeping change in established farm practices. It's no easier for a farmer to switch from all-grain growing to meat, egg and vegetable production than it is for a manufacturer of sewing machines to switch to machine guns.

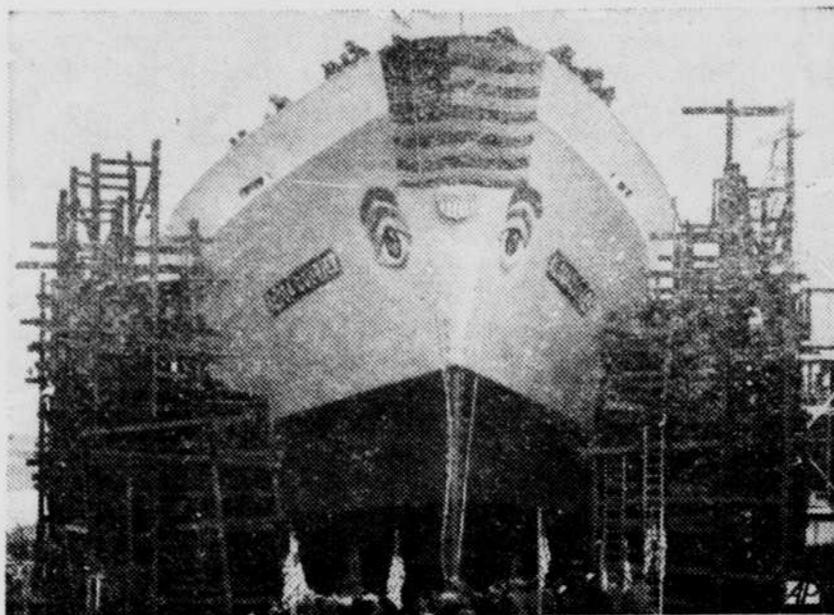
The government protected the manufacturer by underwriting costs of his plant expansion and guaranteeing him a profitable market for his machine guns. They're doing the same thing for the farmers. There won't be a sudden drop in the prices of the critical foods to leave the farmers holding the bag after they've switched to new lines.

The government will support the prices of hogs, eggs, evaporated milk, dry skim milk and cheese at 85 percent of parity at least until December 31, 1942. That means the farmer can plan his production step-up in safety and be certain of a profitable return.

Even with this government aid, though, reaching the hoped-for food goals in 1942 is going to keep American farmers humping. For instance, the egg quota is four billion dozen. Even said slowly, four billion dozen eggs is just too many for ready comprehension.

Four billion dozen eggs, put in simpler figures, means a line of eggs 1,151,150 miles long. That would reach around the world almost 50 times.

The government expects U. S. cows to produce 125,000,000,000 pounds—roughly fifteen billion gallons—of milk in 1942. That much milk would make a lake four miles long, a mile wide and 13 feet deep.



**SHARP LOOKOUT**—In observance of a Chinese custom, big eyes decorated the Alcoa Courier at San Francisco launching.

## FDR Warns Nation of Long, Hard War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP) — (Delayed) — President Roosevelt warned the nation tonight that it is in for a hard long war against "crafty and powerful bandits" with Germany and Italy as much enemies of the United States as is Japan, but he emphatically denied Japan's boast that she gained naval supremacy in the Pacific by her lightning stroke at Hawaii. He declared confidently "We are going to win this war and we are going to win the peace that follows."

Making the first report to the nation on the past and future conflict which suddenly engulfed the country, the chief executive starkly acknowledged that Japan's initial successes have been extensive and "many Americans, soldiers and sailors, have been killed by enemy action." He said the people must be prepared at any time for the announcement that Guam, Wake and Midway Islands have been seized by the enemy. But on the other side of the war ledger, he placed 18 months of preparation, assembly lines already producing a profusion of war materials and of plans for doubling and quadrupling the output. The latter included a 7-day week for industries and construction of new plants. Balanced against the power and ruthlessness of the enemy is the determination of a united people, which he said, will be satisfied with nothing short of a complete victory.

Repeatedly, with great emphasis, he spoke of Japan's relationship with Germany. The latter, he accused of pushing Japan into war with promises that she will become the master of the Pacific Ocean with a "stranglehold on the West Coast of North, Central and South America."

Other production quotas of vital commodities are in proportion largest in history. To reach the goals, U. S. farmers must hurdle such obstacles as a farm labor shortage, threatened shortages of farm equipment, fertilizers, and insecticides.

Wickard says they can do it.



**MODISH**—In this long-sleeved robin's egg blue formal worn by Jane Wyman, graceful front drapery is an interesting detail. Gold kid belt ties with wide grosgrain ribbon.

### Notice of Hearing and Settlement of Final Account

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In the Probate Court for the Cape Nome Precinct, Second Division, Territory of Alaska.

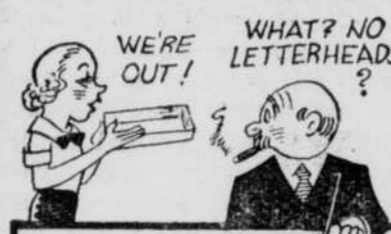
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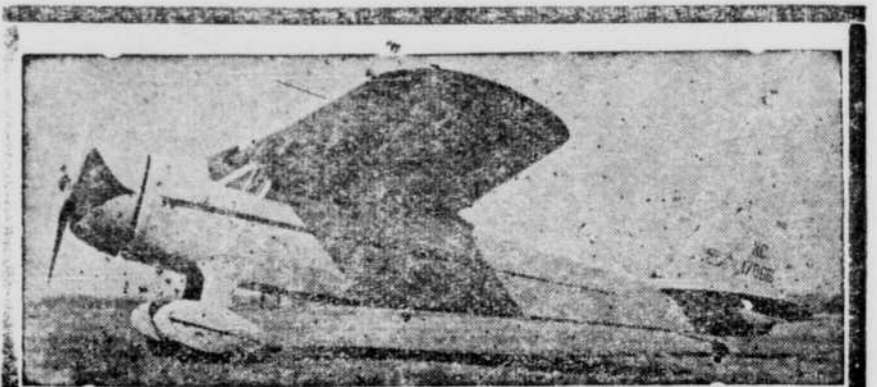
That the undersigned administrator of the estate of Fred Larsen, deceased, has filed in the above entitled Court his final account and that the 30th day of January 1942 at the hour of 11 a.m. of said date at the court room of said Court at Nome, Alaska, has been fixed by the order of said Court, as the time and place for the hearing of said final account and objections thereto and the settlement thereof and that at said time and place the Court will adjudicate and determine who are the heirs and distributees of said deceased.

Dated this 28th day of November, 1941.

Peter E. Larsen,  
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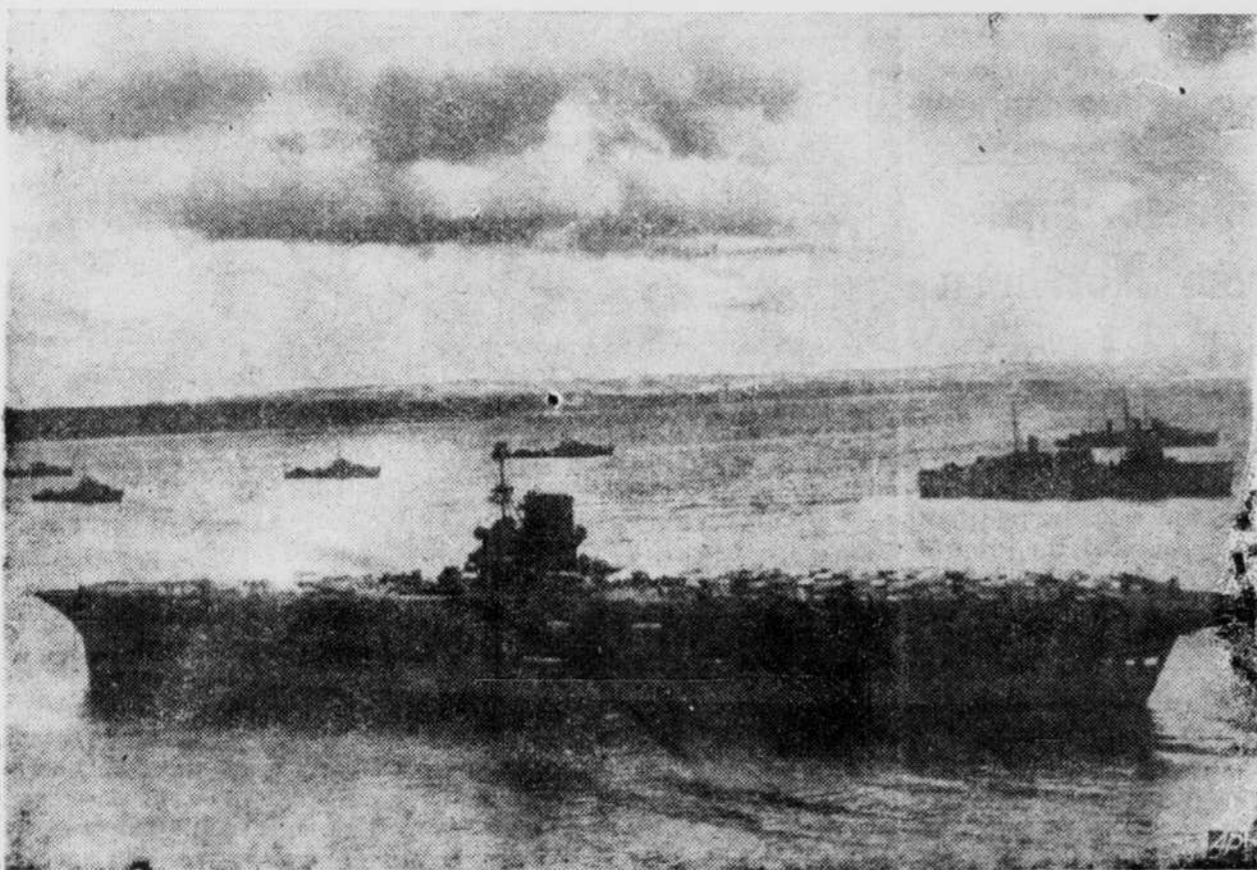
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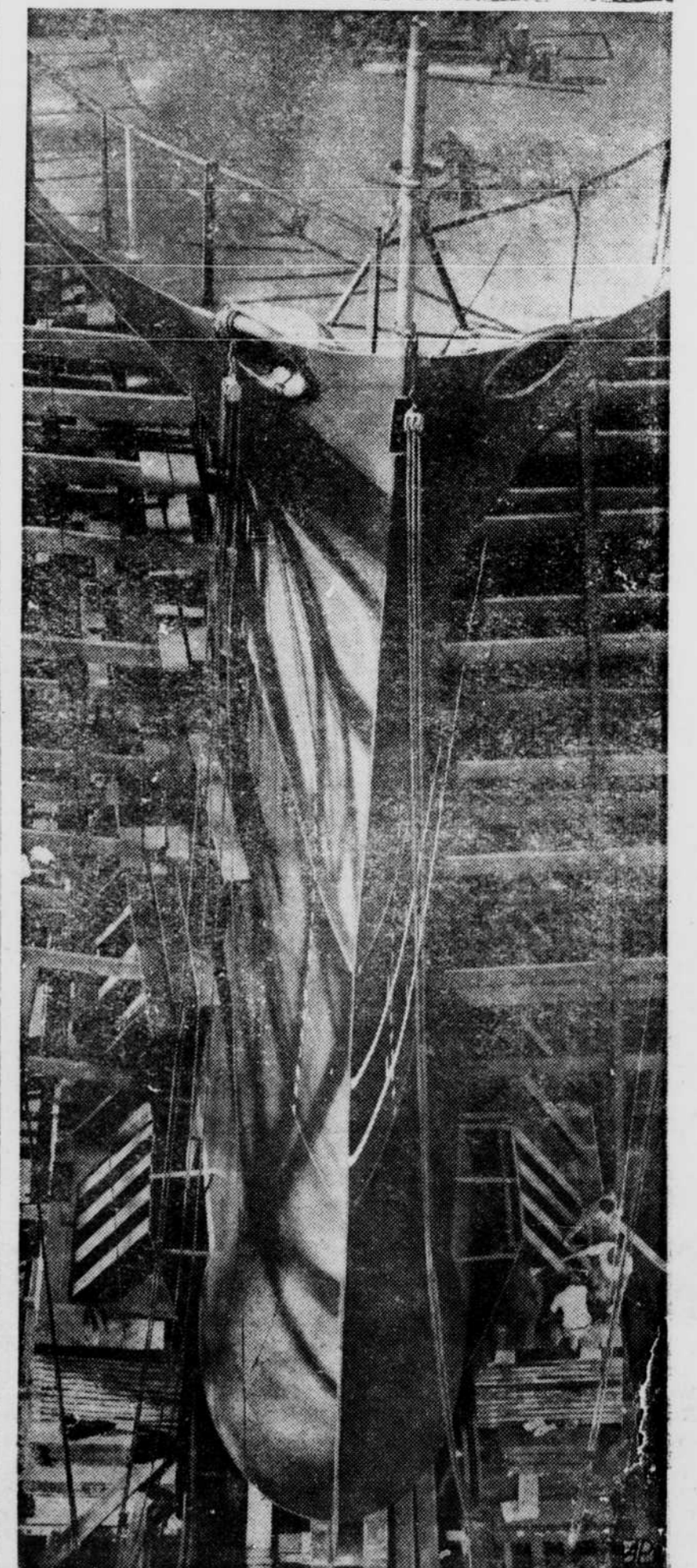
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## BRITISH ANNOUNCE LOSS OF THE ARK ROYAL



The British Admiralty in London announced that the three-year-old aircraft carrier Ark Royal (above) had been sunk off Gibraltar by a torpedo attack. The carrier was reported sunk several times before by the Nazis. The Ark Royal sank while being towed after being hit by a torpedo.



**WHAT THE WATER HIDES**—When the new 35,000-ton battleship U.S.S. Indiana is launched at Newport News (Va.) Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. within the next two months, water will hide the great depth of her knife-like prow.