

Production of Planes French Bridges Hit Cut as Arms Output By Bombers Before Suffers Labor Shortage Weather Closes In

By the Associated Press.

War production plans saw-sawed today as announcement of a 3 per cent reduction in aircraft goals coincided with a report that labor shortages have posed a major threat to armament output.

Aircraft sights were lowered to an objective of slightly more than 100,000 planes for 1944 by trimming schedules for the next five months by 3 per cent.

This will bring production to about 8,274 planes monthly for the rest of the year—far lower than the 9,118 delivered in March but higher than the July figure, announced yesterday, of exactly 8,000. July output was 499 planes behind schedule and 49 planes behind June's tally.

No Unemployment Likely.

Charles E. Wilson, executive vice chairman of the War Production Board, said yesterday the modest cutback would cause no unemployment and was made for "strategic reasons, not because of inability to produce more." The new production level will persist, he added, "until Germany is brought to her knees."

But Mr. Wilson joined Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, commanding general of the Army Service Forces, in declaring that the labor shortage in foundries and forges, steel mills, heavy tire factories, heavy artillery plants, ammunition works and some other fields is endangering the armament program.

"We have a job on our hands to get those things up and get them up fast," Mr. Wilson asserted.

Arms Shortages Reported.

Gen. Somervell yesterday reported production shortages existed in 320 arms categories. In some 90 items, he declared, the Army did not have even half of "minimum requirements"—the reserve supplies here and abroad which may be drawn upon by commanders in the field.

He declared the Nation needs to recover "the same sense of urgency that we had a year ago." The Army's needs will grow steadily, he said, until the Axis is crushed. To reach its planned peak, he asserted, production must rise from June's total of \$1,852,000,000 to an October total of \$2,308,000,000—an increase of 24 per cent.

Production Report Delayed.

WPB's production report for June, not yet released although its normal issuance date is long past, is expected to show a 1 per cent drop in total output from May, which was 1 per cent under April. The June production, it was said, ran 3 per cent behind schedule for all production.

War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes meanwhile reportedly was preparing to issue later in the week an announcement of plans being drafted jointly by production officials of the Army, Navy, WPB and War Manpower Commission to stem the reported exodus of workers from war jobs.

The recruitment of about 250,000 workers for war industry in the next few months is one of Mr. Byrnes' goals, his associates said, but more important at the moment is the finding of 40,000 to 50,000 workers for the heavy industries now farthest behind.

Bilbo Goes Under Knife; Condition Is Satisfactory

By the Associated Press.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Aug. 2.—Chairman Bilbo of the Senate District Committee underwent a serious gall-bladder operation yesterday at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., and his condition was described as satisfactory a short time afterward in a telegram to the Senator's personal physician, Dr. A. J. Podesta of Vicksburg.

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Nazi Fighter Bases Bombed.

The heavies also bombed five enemy fighter bases in a 125-mile-long area stretching below Paris from Melun to Tours, and an oil dump at Rouen. Medium and light bombers hit a fuel dump at St. Malo, just ahead of the fast-traveling Americans on the West Peninsula and an ammunition dump ahead of the British sector south-east of Caen.

In another daylight operation yesterday American Fortress and Liberators smashed at flying bomb launching sites in the Pas-de-Calais area only a few hours after a double-header blow at the same area by British heavies.

Although the weather was unfavorable for defense against flying bombs, the overnight robot assaults on Southern England appeared to be on a reduced scale.

Raid on East Prussia Reported.

Night-flying Mosquitos made their usual patrol over France, shooting down two enemy planes. There were

no reports of any heavy bomber operations over Europe.

The German radio reported single enemy raiders over East Prussia at noon today, apparently on reconnaissance.

Less than 100 German planes were seen over the battle zone in the 24 hours ending at 9 p.m. yesterday. More than 3,000 tactical Allied sorties were flown and three enemy planes were downed.

Most bridges attacked yesterday had been hit before, but swift repairs makes frequent bombings necessary.

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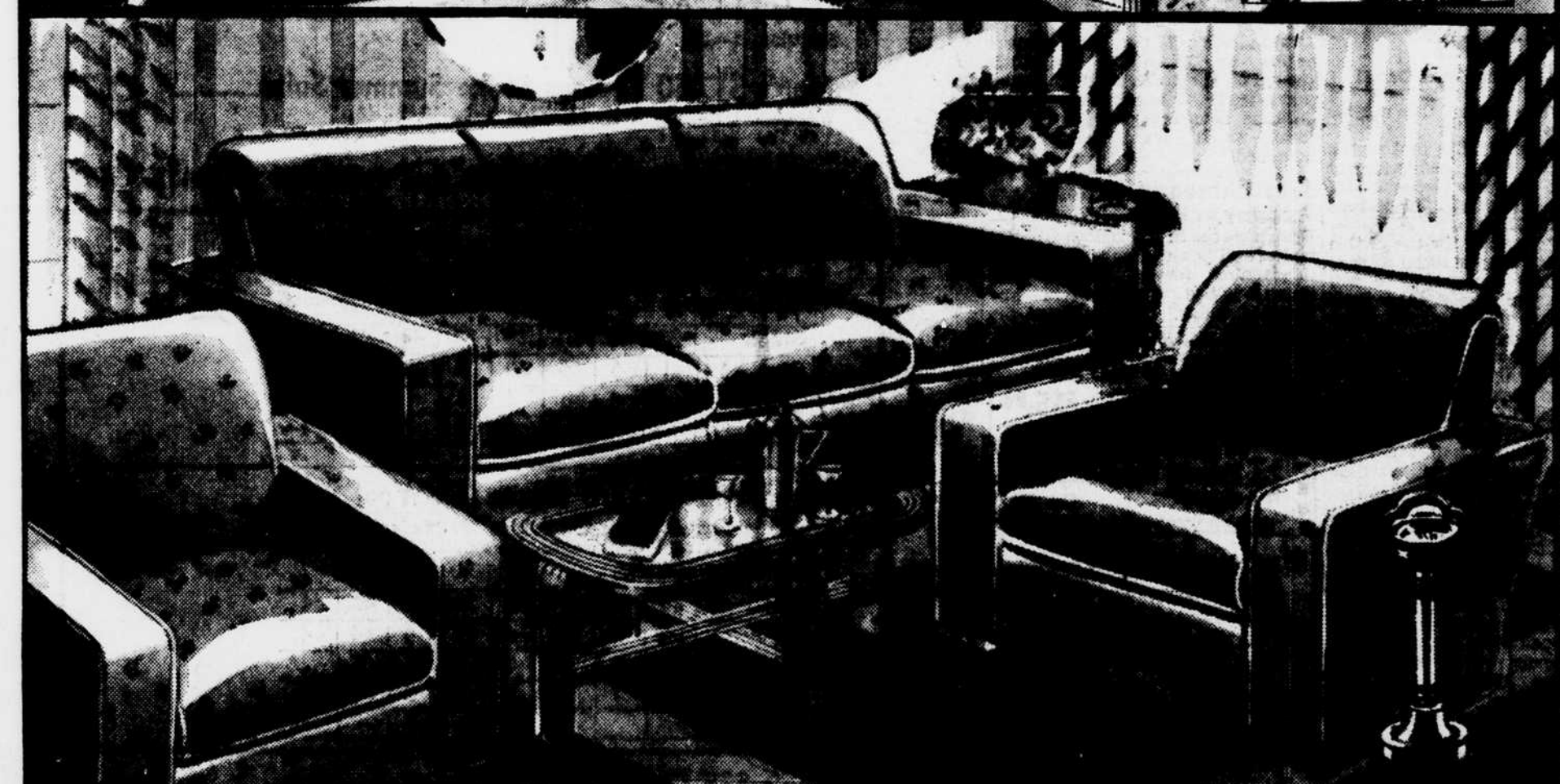
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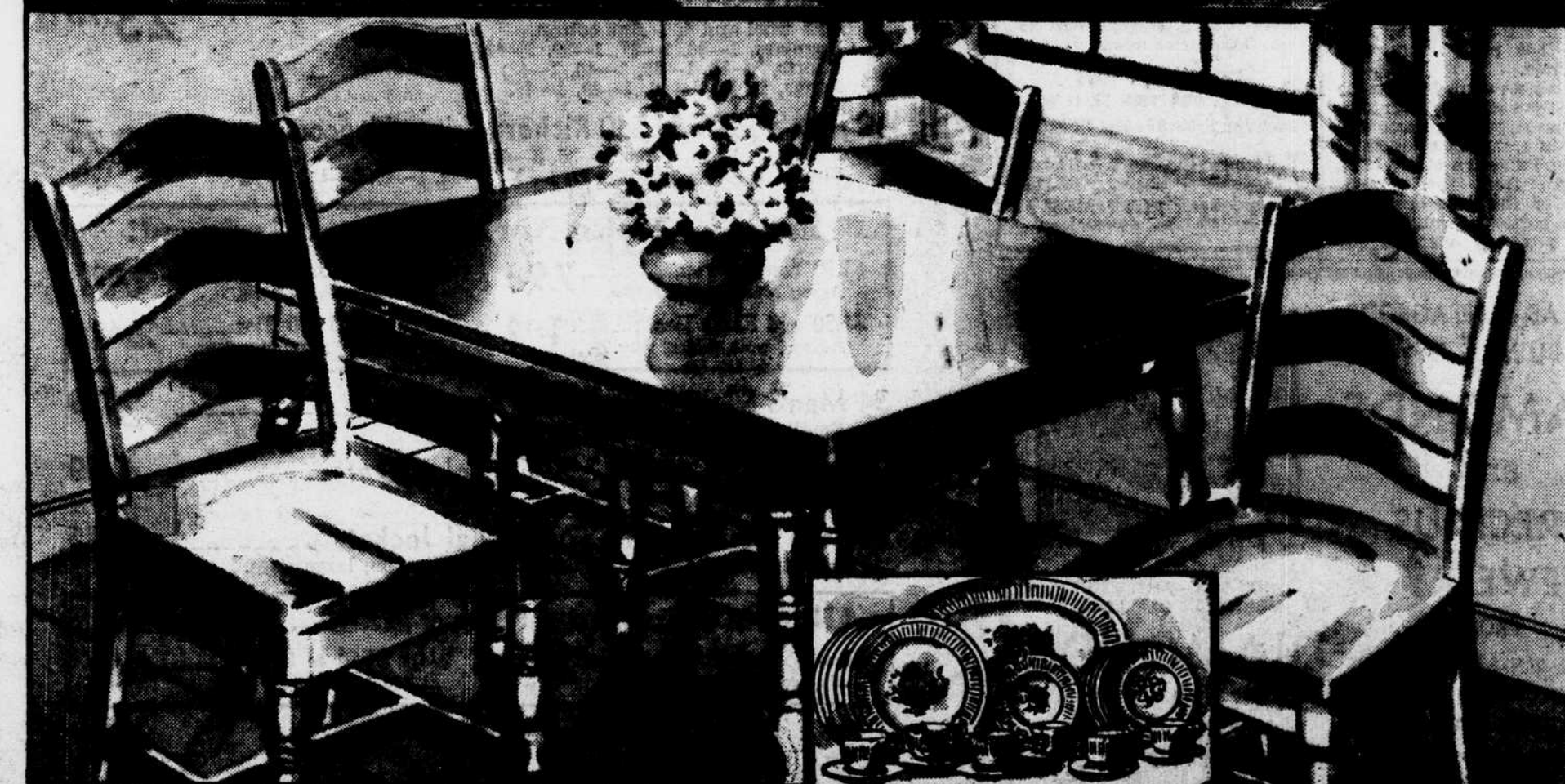
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