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food to meet essential needs.

Foreign Economic Administration, created September 25, 1943, to unify and consolidate war-

time governmental activities related to foreign economic affairs.



In the Mediterranean, the Atlantic, the Indian Ocean or the Pacific, war covered fathoms of sea, and shipmates fought to survive in fathoms of sea, top. "General Motors expects to employ 450,000 persons, Ford--200,000, including 25,000 women among the 100,000 of its bomber plant; Chrysler--130,000....[Ford will have] eleven miles of airplane runways at Willow Run."

Time magazine, Feb. 9, 1942 announcement of factory workers.

Night photo on page 72 is from the author's collection: Honolulu, early 1942. It is beseeched by towering searchlights looking for enemy planes. There was no sophisticated radar system, yet. On March 4, 1942, around 2 a.m. two small Japanese flying boats penetrated U.S. defenses and bombed Oahu, Hawaii.

At the time of December 7, 1941, the U.S. Army Air Corps had 1,157 combat airplanes, of which only 159 were heavy-engined bombers. At the end of hostilities, the aircraft industry employed 1,650,000 persons and had constructed 299,293 aircraft. In 1941, 19,433 aircraft were produced in the United States. In 1942, 47,836 were produced.

	When the National Defense Program began	When the United States entered the war
Military and civilian labor forces combined	<u>54,354,000</u>	<u>55,891,000</u>
Labor force	<u>53,890,000</u>	<u>53,820,000</u>
Employed	46,400,000	50,370,000
Unemployed	7,490,000	3,450,000
Military forces	464,000	2,071,000
Employed in---		
Agriculture	9,920,000	8,350,000
Non-agriculture	36,480,000	42,020,000
Women in the labor force	13,250,000	13,960,000