

PUBLIC HEALTH

Plenty of Good Food Will Build a New America

Scientists Must Continue To Seek New Knowledge, Farmers Must Grow, Distributors Must Aid in Program

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LAST May at the opening of the National Nutrition Conference for Defense called by President Roosevelt I pointed out that America must speed up human power as well as mechanical production for defense; that England and Germany had already learned that lesson and that if we continued to let 40% of our people go poorly fed, our industrial production would be slowed down, our military strength endangered and the morale of millions of our citizens would be lowered.

At the conclusion of that Conference of doctors, nutritionists, agricultural scientists, food manufacturers and distributors, and statesmen, it became apparent that we can do more than feed ourselves well enough for defense against aggression. We can, if we will, build here in America a nation of people more fit, more vigorous, more competent; a nation with better morale, a more united purpose, more toughness of body, and greater strength of mind than the world has ever seen.

Putting our new knowledge of nutri-

tion and our abundant facilities for producing, manufacturing and distributing food to work, we can build a new America, an America capable of fulfilling its destiny of upholding on this earth the democratic way of life.

Yet we cannot achieve this high promise by following the easy way of letting George do it. Each of us must take an active part, individually and collectively, in this program of building a new America.

Scientists must continue to ferret out new knowledge about food and nutrition. Farmers must continue to grow the food for all of us under conditions that will assure continued fertility of the soil for the future generations of Americans. Food manufacturers and distributors must help, as they have already begun to do, in improving the nutritional value of staple foods and increasing the distribution of the most needed foods.

Every housewife when she goes to market for her family and prepares their meals must follow the blueprints for a good diet drawn by the scientists at the Nutrition Conference. Those who eat their meals away from home must follow these same blueprints for good nu-

trition. Finally, all of us, through our government, must support scientific search for new knowledge of nutrition and sound plans to bring practical application of that knowledge within the reach of all Americans.

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NUTRITION

Cornell Establishes School of Nutrition

CORNELL University is establishing a School of Nutrition, comparable to its School of Medicine and other schools and colleges, and believed to be the first of its kind anywhere.

Announcement by President Edmund Ezra Day of establishment of the new school was hailed by Claude Wickard, U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, as a contribution to national defense, both in the present emergency and for all times, and toward better nutrition that "will advance substantially the level of living in this country."

Dr. Leonard A. Maynard, professor of animal nutrition at Cornell for more than 20 years, will be director of the new school which will offer a two-year course for students who have completed three years of college work leading to a degree of master of science in nutrition.

In addition to training specialists in the field of nutrition, the school will offer instruction to students preparing for related fields, where some understanding of nutrition problems is essential. Agricultural agents, students preparing for institutional management, and chemical engineers and others in training to serve the food industry will be given instruction in various phases of handling and utilizing foodstuffs. The School of Nutrition will also offer courses for conservationists, veterinarians, physiologists, toxicologists, and workers in other divisions of the animal sciences.

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ASTRONOMY

Pocket Observatory Aids Amateur Star Gazers

A "POCKET OBSERVATORY" is a new device to aid the amateur star gazer. Made of wood and metal, it can be adjusted for any latitude, and by a simple adjustment the exact position of any celestial object may be readily determined for any hour of the day, any month or year. (*John A. Millar Laboratory Assoc., 22 Plane St., Newark, N. J.*)

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