

## Bronx Industry Gets Boost With Millions in Defense Orders

Defense orders totalling nearly \$5,000,000 have been placed with five Bronx industrial concerns, resulting in a demand for increased space and an increase in the number of workers in the plants involved. The Bronx Board of Trade found following a survey of the Borough's participation in the Federal defense program.

Pointing out that only five firms are engaged in executing these defense orders, The Board estimates that many additional millions of dollars will be allotted to other Bronx industrial organizations. The estimate is based on information supplied by other firms contacted by The Board, which reported that they were expecting to be awarded Army and Navy contracts shortly.

A general air of optimism is prevailing throughout the majority of Borough industrial concerns eligible to participate in the defense program.

### Contract Recipients

The largest beneficiary of the emergency defense program, according to the Board's survey, is R. Hoe & Co., 910 East 138th Street, the industrial division of which has received defense orders totalling \$2,153,000. Of this amount, \$734,000 is represented in Army contracts for the manufacture of recoil mechanisms for anti-aircraft guns. The balance is made up of contracts for aircraft companies directly engaged in filling defense orders. A spokesman for the Hoe company declared that the organization expects to receive additional Government orders in the near future.

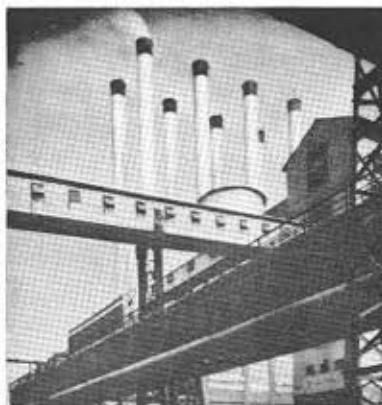
Second largest beneficiary is the Consolidated Shipbuilding Corp., of Morris Heights, which is at work filling a Navy Department order for four steel vessels to be built at a total cost of \$1,000,000. The Board's survey disclosed that several shipbuilding organizations in City Island have submitted bids on Navy work and are expected to be awarded contracts. The success of the Consoli-

dated Corp in obtaining a large Navy contract has lent impetus to the movement of City Island units to take part in the Navy's expansion program, the Board survey indicated.

The Phillips-Jones Corp., 829 East 134th Street, has been awarded contracts for flannel and worsted shirts for the Army totalling \$315,000.

The Aqua Systems, Inc., 2443 Third Avenue, has received contracts totalling about \$675,000 for the installation of gasoline fueling systems.

The Standard Oiled Clothing Co., 810 East 152nd Street, was awarded a Navy contract of \$22,000 for raincoats and an Army contract of \$14,000 for raincoats and hats, the latter for shipment to Seattle, according to The Board's findings.



... industry at work filling orders ...

With an adequate supply of skilled labor and excellent rail and water transportation facilities, The Bronx is admirably fitted to assume its share of the burden of providing for the nation's defense through the emergency program.

The Board has compiled a list of Army Field Procurement Offices and a list of Navy Field Purchasing Offices for this and other areas throughout the country. Bronx manufacturers interested in consulting the list or obtaining information about it are invited to get in touch with The Board of Trade.

## Approval of Plans for Approach Span Expected by Lyons

Borough President Lyons expects to secure definite approval shortly from the Board of Estimate for the building of the bridge across the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad at Whitlock Avenue, it was disclosed when Maskell E. Fox, President of The Bronx Board of Trade, made public an exchange of correspondence between the Borough President and The Board.

The bridge, it was explained, represents an important part of the development of Eastern Boulevard as the easterly approach to the Triborough and Bronx-Whitestone Bridges, completion of which is being sought by The Board of Trade. In his letter to President Fox, Mr. Lyons gave assurance that everything possible is being done to expedite completion of all remaining projects needed in connection with the Boulevard development.

In an effort to determine the status of the Borough President's plans for the Whitlock Avenue bridge, Mr. Fox wrote recently, in part, to Mr. Lyons:

"I am writing to you at this time in the hope of securing definite information regarding your plans for the widening of the bridge over the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, at Whitlock Avenue and Eastern Boulevard, as part of the easterly approach to the Triborough Bridge.

"Recently a committee from this organization conferred with Major Irving V. A. Huie, Commissioner of Public Works, regarding the widening of bridges over the Bronx River and Westchester Creek and received assurances from him that funds for these two bridges would be second on his Capital Outlay Budget for the year 1941.

"It is our understanding that you are now awaiting approval for preliminary authorization of a project providing for the widening of Eastern Boulevard to a maximum of 182 feet, from the Bronx River to Westchester Creek, and also that you are seeking approval for a similar project

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