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Wilson Claims Defense Production Is Increasing by 3 Billion a Month

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KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 2.—Defense Mobilizer Wilson said today that military production is increasing by \$1,000,000,000 a month with no interference from civilian output in war weapons schedules.

Wilson stated, after three days of intensive conferences with President Truman, that the discussions touched on the need for appointing an over-all defense production czar. He indicated a decision will be made on that within the next couple of months.

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The mobilization chief declined comment on a report by the Senate preparedness committee under Senator Johnson (Democrat), Texas, which charged that defense production is seriously lagging dangerously.

Charles B. Stauffacher, an as-

sistant to Wilson, said in Washington that the next six months is a crucial period in rearmament which will "strain our whole economy to the utmost."

Wilson's statement was interpreted as an answer to the committee charges that the production program has been one of "too much butter and not enough guns."

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The mobilization boss made his statement shortly before taking off on the return flight to Washington in company with Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, chief of the Central Intelligence Agency; Stanley Woodward, U. S. Ambassador to Canada, and Presidential Assistant Donald Dawson.

Wilson stated that production is more than 300 per cent greater than a year ago, but that exact

figures could not be disclosed for obvious reasons.

He noted that civilian durable goods production has been cut "by 50 per cent at least," and added:

"It doesn't take a magician to figure out that the military pipeline is getting very, very big."

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Tale of the East Wind

Two weary and bedraggled fishermen arrived back at Key West, Fla., during the week end with a full box of fish and a tale of an all-night battle against strong easterly winds. The anglers, guests at the Winter White House, were Gen. Walter B. Smith, chief of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Maj. Gen. Wallace Graham, the President's doctor. They had been fishing off the Dry Tortugas to the south, but heavy winds caught up with their small Navy craft and they spent the night bucking the breeze and making little headway.

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Views on News

By DAN KIDNEY

President Truman has summoned Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, to Key West, to see if he knows what is going on.

White House Press Secretary Joseph Short could clear up some of the "confusion" if he would just stop explaining the explanations.

After 10 days of secret Big Four talks, we may find out what it was that Vishinsky laughed all night about.

Roger Lowell Putnam was sworn in as the new pilot of the U. S. inflation balloon with a promise from the President that he can swear out in six months.

No wonder it is so difficult to get a doctor. According to the TV programs they must all be busy testing cigarets.