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The hostage pays the penalty for the act in which he has never had any hand and the number executed is increased as it is believed necessary to subdue the morale of the people. Hostages are not limited to men only but include women and children as well. it is a form of subjugation used by Caesar, Huns and others. It is typical of a form of lack of civilization and rule which the Nazis would impose on the world.

TRIBUTE TO AVIATION

"This is frankly a tribute to the men, executives and workers, who are building America's war planes. They have done the impossible.

"In cold figures, here is the record: President Roosevelt issued his call for airplanes in May, 1940. The output of the entire industry that month amounted to 450 airplanes. Production was at an annual rate of 5,400 units. In August, 1941, production had jumped to 1,854 warplanes, or an annual rate of 22,248. By December, it is hoped to have the figure boosted to 2,700 or an annual rate of 32,400.

"This production may seem small as compared with automobiles. But to accomplish the results so far, it has been necessary to increase factory floor space from 13,115,421 square feet on January 1, 1940, to 41,896,347 on August 1, with many more millions under construction or in the blue print stage. The 89,893 works, earning \$2,821,932 a week on January 1, 1940, grew to 303,749, earning \$11,688,780 on August 1, 1941. Another army of workers is on the way as they finish training courses.

"All these figures apply only to aircraft industry itself. They do not include the thousands and thousands of suppliers and sub-contractors who have geared their production capacities into the aircraft industry.

"For those who are statistically minded, here is what has happened: Overnight, a vast new industry has sprung up. There hasn't been time for it to grow up gradually and slowly fit itself into the economic life of the nation.

"Of course there have been bottlenecks of parts and supplied. Mistakes have been made, more will be made in the future. The big wonder is that there haven't been more--that the industry has accomplished within the framework of democracy in such a short time what it took Hitler seven years to do. And he had to put the German nation in a straight jacket to do it!

"Lamentably, it has been necessary to guide all of this effort into creating machines of destruction. There is only one bright spot. Aviation research and accomplishment have been pushed ahead by at least a quarter century in the laboratory of war. Some day peace will return and when it comes, dawn will break upon a new era of transportation, an era

And that calls for every worker in the Kalbitz plant, no "benches thrown."

which promises to bring as vital changes to the economic structure of the country as did the introduction of the railroad and the automobile. "In the meantime, there is just one thing to do--translate into accomplishment the slogan popularized by the Air Corps: Keep 'em Flying!" And that calls for every worker in the Kellett plant to "Beat the Dates."

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[[black and white photograph]]

[[caption]] Captain Victor R. Haugen (above) flew the YG-IB from Wright Field to the Municipal Airport, Haig Kurkjian is shown with Captain Haugen at the Aiport.

'HALE AMERICA'

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ing the employees to organize any phase of recreation--whether it be athletic or social--and to advice them in planning, organizing and supervising programs which meet both their interests and needs.

HEALTH KEYNOTE

Health is the keynote of the success of the whole defense program. In this day of modern mecahnized war, we all know it requires at least 17 workers on the home front to maintain and support one man on the fighting front. Today an army not only "marches on its stomach" but it travels with mechanized equipment furnished by the skill of physically fit and mentally relaxed industrial workers.

Now at a time when work is being speeded up for defense, recreation will put workers in a better mental and physical condition to stand up under the strain of the fast pace. An industrial group will not have the will to work without having the health to work. Recreation furnishes relief and change for the worker and this refreshes him.

BUILD UP MORALE

The object of a recreational program in industry is to build up the morale of the employee and to maintain health through participation in some wholesome form of

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cial and recreation life of the employee more complete.

Employees work to make a living for themselves and their families. Their real enjoyment of life comes from what they do in their leisure time.

Provided with proper recreation and health activities, they will be better equipped to prepare for National Defense and to enjoy living.

Industrial recreation has many advantages. In addition to aiding in the development of physical fitness, it promotes better inter-departmental co-operation and fellowship, improves relations of employer and employee; gives management an opportunity to notice characteristics useful in selecting men for advancement; creates a noticeable change in the physical alertness of employees and instills a better spirit of true sportsmanship throughout the planet.

It is with great pleasure that I note the splendid recreational program of the Kellett Autogiro Corporation. The softball team is to be congratulated for its fine showing and the large turnout of bowlers is a healthy sign in our "Hail America" program. And here's wishing the proposed basketball team a successful season!

In closing I wish to stress that John DaGrosa, former college football

coach and director of Industrial Activities of Physical Training, is always ready to help you with any problems that may arise.

BOMBERS (Continued from page 1)

of the test flight--particularly with everyone holding their breath as the ship made a perfect takeoff. For more than 20 minutes the huge bomber flew. Then it gently glided to a perfect landing. John Jacobs and Fred Chamberlin stepped from from the cabin door with a large grin on their faces. "Everything worked swell," exclaimed Jacobs. Since this initial flight, the ship has flown for many hours--making numerous flights to collect engineering data for the Wright Cor-

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spotlight in the afternoon (along with the beer barrels). Al Carnvale, master of ceremonies of the, directed the field event through the public address system and sounded like Bill Stern and Red Barber. Bob Shannon and Mark Dupont, Jr., flew to the outing in their private airplanes. The committee is to be congratulated. Jimmy Robertson and Lillian Weinstein did a swell job in obtaining the cooperation of the many vendors in contributing prizes. Al Carnvale, Bill Larsh, Bob Shannon, Ed Kurkjian, Ed Lawrence, Beckie Rohn and Cy Sprague all worked hard to put the affair over. The following firms are thanked for their gifts:
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poration.
Many of the Kellett Corporation cannot go unmentioned for their excellent work. Charles Miller and his engineering assistants; Mark Supont and his Experimental Department; and Haif Kurkjian and his

assistants were just a few of the too many to mention to receive
congratulations for a job well done.

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