

Arnold Bares Nazi Influence In Industry^{T-14} 1/9/42

House Probers Told Of Cartel Agreements

Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold told a Congressional committee yesterday that the "German influence is still working in some respects in industry," but that it has stopped so far as the great American companies are concerned.

Testifying before the House Military Committee Investigating the War Effort, Arnold described cartel agreements under which many important industries had production understandings with German concerns. The agreements usually terminate with a war, he said, but afterward they "move into the same situation."

"Have to Find Them"

"All we have to do is discover them," he declared. "We get almost instant cessation of these practices upon discovery."

He said American industry "as a whole" has been very co-operative since the war. But this conflict, like any other, gives a chance to profiteer, he added.

Discussing the problems of monopoly, he said that the vastly increased production brought about by the war must not "fall in the hands of a few."

168-Hour Steel Week

The OPM announced a program to put steel plate-making activities in operation on a 168-hour production week to meet demands of war-time shipbuilding.

Its priorities division ordered all distillers with necessary facilities to produce 190-proof grain alcohol—presumably to meet an expected shortage of industrial alcohol, needed in war production. The order was expected to affect about 60 per cent of the nation's distilleries.