"Why do naval vessels cost so much?" A 1939 perspective...

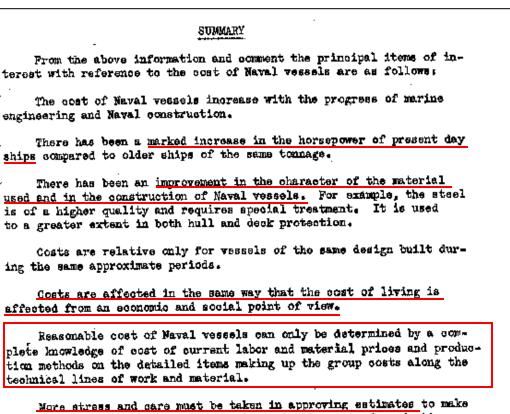
Summary from the **10 July 1939** Secretary of the Navy report to answer the repeated question from members of Congress and others:

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Current factors contributing to increasing ship costs:

- Increased complexity/capability
- Lower procurement quantities
- Specialized materials and systems
- Diminishing vendor base (little or no competition)

The Dilemma with respect to Ship Costs Remains the Same



sure that they are reasonable and held to in the cost of production.

When contracts are negotiated the question of costs should be investigated and a detailed knowledge of approximate costs obtained.

Mnea you pay the full price for the best you can buy the costs will always be high.