

CITY OPENS DRIVE TO GET USO FUNDS

Many Organizations Endorse Campaign For \$28,000 For Organization

Formal opening of Wilmington drive to raise \$28,000 in the USO financial campaign will be launched today, officials announced Wednesday.

A campaign to be conducted throughout the nation is expected to raise the amount of \$32,000,000 for the United Service Organizations.

The drive here has been endorsed by a large number of organizations, including the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, the James A. Manley Post No. 2573 of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Sorosis club.

The V. F. W. has endorsed the campaign as follows:

"Whereas, it is recognized that the services rendered by the United Service Organization in promoting and maintaining morale among the fighting men of our armed forces are indispensable, and

"Whereas, it is further recognized that funds for the maintenance of this organization are dependent largely upon public and private subscription,

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the James A. Manley Post No. 2573, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wilmington, North Carolina, at a special meeting held at eight o'clock p. m. on June 8, 1942, do hereby wholeheartedly endorse the campaign for funds now being conducted by the United Service Organization as a most worthy undertaking."

The Sorosis club passed the following resolution:

"North Carolina Sorosis has always stood for the highest type of moral, social and spiritual living in our community, and for the creating of a happy homelike atmosphere for friend or stranger within our gates. At no time, in the history of our club, have our opportunities been greater than today. It is the desire of Sorosis to render the greatest services possible to the defense workers and the uniformed men in our midst, and believing that the United Service Organizations are striving to create a homelike atmosphere, and are providing diversified activities and giving friendly councils, thereby convincing the men in service that the men and women in the home ranks are standing by ready and eager to serve them whenever needed—the following resolution was adopted by North Carolina Sorosis June 10.

"That the Sorosis club endorses the forth coming campaign for funds for the continuance of USO activities, at home and abroad, for the social and spiritual comforts of our fighting forces. The club also recommends that a year-by-year statement of expenditures be published for the purpose of enlightening the public and increasing interest in a worthy cause."

The local USO campaign was unofficially opened here yesterday when a joint luncheon meeting of the city's seven civic organizations was held at St. Paul's parish house.

Earnest Ebinger, staff member of Time and Life magazines and national field representative of the United Service Organizations, and Nathaniel Nason, Jewish Welfare board representative, were among speakers.

George M. Ivey of Charlotte, state drive chairman, outlined plans for the campaign and work of the USO. He explained that \$2,000,000 is being sought for addition to the overseas clubs for service men, adding: "We plan to build the last two in Berlin and Tokyo."

Members of the Rotary, Lions, Exchange, Civitan and Kiwanis clubs, Chamber of Commerce and Junior Chamber of Commerce attended. Rev. James Lawson presided, and the invocation was by Rev. C. E. Murphy.

In addition to serving as an open forum on USO, the luncheon highlighted the local observance of Flag day.

Rev. Lawson illustrated the spelling of flag as points toward winning the war: "F" for fight, "L" for labor, and "AG" for and give.

J. C. Williams, well-known Wilmington business man, pointed out that such notables as John D. Rockefeller are donating their time in serving USO.

Mr. Ebinger explained that the USO club buildings, which are being constructed throughout the nation, will be given to the cities in which they are located after the war and pointed out that among lesser known activities of the organization are:

"More units to serve men unable to leave their bases, lounges and reading rooms in more than 100 railroad and bus stations and the camp shows which include famous personalities of screen and stage and are touring the country."

"It is wonderful to know," he said, "that the three great faiths—Christians, Catholics and Jews—are united in one to serve their country. . . . USO is a part of the fight against the aggressor nations". More than 100 persons attended the luncheon.

Senator James Mead



Senator James Mead of New York proposed that a modern Home Defense Army be set up immediately to guard against possible attacks by enemy parachute troops or Commando raiders. He suggested that members of the home units could be obtained from the ranks of World War I veterans, men rejected from armed service because of some slight physical defect, and from sportsmen's clubs.

REIGN OF TERROR SWEEPS EUROPE

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more dead in retaliation for the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich Gestapo executioner.

Russia—Russians escaping from German-held Kharkov, Ukrainian city, told of mass executions among suffering civilians who daily saw bodies of those who had died of starvation being carted to the city's outskirts.

Yugoslavia—reports received by secret channel said 250 hostages were shot in a ten-day period during April in the German-occupied part of Slovenia, in northern Yugoslavia Yugoslav resistance continued and 1,500 Axis soldiers were reported captured recently in a battle between them and Gen. Draza Mihailovic's guerrilla forces.

Greece—German authorities published a warning that 30 hostages would be shot unless sabotage ceases, a Moscow dispatch said. Several hostages already have been reported slain.

The German labor service has conscripted 26,000 Macedonians, an Athens dispatch to the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano, said.

Norway—four hundred loyal Norwegian teachers who refused to bow to the Quisling regime now are toiling on wharves at Kirkenes northern Norway, beside Russian prisoners of war. One hundred and sixty others were assigned to similar tasks at Elvenes.

At least 60 Norwegians were arrested at Skien after defying the curfew and other restrictions and fear of more stringent Nazi action rose with reports that Reich Commissioner Josef Terboven had gone there to "clean up" the situation.

Belgium—an unspecified number of peasants who refused to hand over their wheat were held as hostages in Liege province until sufficient wheat is delivered to meet requisitioning orders.

Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania—all men of 21 to 29 have been called up for a year of labor service in Germany.

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NEW RADIO LAWS NOT NEEDED NOW

FCC Chairman Tells House "No Time To Disrupt War Agency"

WASHINGTON, June 17.—(AP)—Chairman James L. Fly of the Federal Communications Commission told the House Interstate Commerce committee today he saw no present need for legislation following "the basic philosophy" of a bill the committee is studying.

The bill would rewrite much of the communications law and split the commission into two divisions, one to handle public communications and one to handle private communications. It would remove much of Fly's existing authority.

"I think there might be the need of some specific legislation, but not legislation that follows the basic philosophy of this idea, the Chairman said when members pressed him to center his discussion on the bill after two previous appearances during which he discussed the commission's procedure.

Fly gave no suggestion as to the kind of legislation that might be needed, but said the present was no time "to disrupt a war agency" and "effect a basic reorganization."

"The best thing to do is to leave the problem alone in a period of stress," he added. Fly accused "the big broadcasters" of being the prime sponsors of the proposed new law and said they were motivated by their objection to recent commission regulations designed to break up "monopolistic controls" of broadcasting.

He named the Columbia broadcasting system, the National Broadcasting company and the National Association of Broadcasters as the groups that "blow the big wind and make the big noise," and said that "every time one of these big broadcasters run into something he doesn't like, he runs to Congress."

Asked if he included the Mutual Broadcasting system in the "big broadcasters" group, Fly replied "I don't exclude any of the big" organizations.

"On the whole," he told the committee, "the broadcasting industry has done a very good job" and made "great contributions" to the war effort.

The issue at stake, he said, was whether "all of the control" of broadcasting "shall be on strings pulled from New York" or whether individual stations, affiliated with the networks, should have more control over programs and program time.

Six Men From Area End Recruit Training

Recruit training has been completed by six men from this area at the Naval Training station in Norfolk.

They are Elbert Wilson Britt, Seven South Second street; John Charles Hondros, Clinton; Leon Robert Ward, Chadbourn; Ralph Smith, Council; Bernice Evert Malpass, Delco, and Arthur Winn Baldwin, Jr., Whiteville.

Ward and Malpass were selected for instruction in trade schools.

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