

First Group Of Air Wacs Arrives In Hawaii For Service



The first contingent of Air-Wacs assigned to the Central Pacific arrive in Hawaii for duty, and leave their debarkation point for their new quarters. They will work with the Air Transport Command, relieving men needed further out in the Pacific. (AP wirephoto from U. S. Signal Corps)

Return To Free-Enterprise After War Is Urged By Noted Southerner

War To Speed End Of War Is Suggested By Noted Economist Here

A new way to speed the end of the war was proposed by Dr. Gus Dyer in a post-war address before a joint meeting of the Wilmington civic clubs Thursday.

DR. DYER HEARD HERE Lauds American Business For Leading Nation Through Its Struggles

An appeal for an immediate return to a system of free enterprise following the war was made Thursday by an outstanding Southern economic writer, speaker and one-time-Vanderbilt university professor.

ODT ESTABLISHES NEW OFFICE HERE

The opening in Wilmington of a traffic registration bureau for heavy duty trucks in over-the-road service, effective Monday morning, March 27, was announced Thursday by G. T. Musselman, district manager, Office of Defense Transportation.

The bureau is a part of a new program designed to gain full utilization of heavy duty over-the-road trucks by requiring empty and partially loaded trucks to register with the Office of Defense Transportation in order to get a full load before making a trip.

'B' And 'B-1' Gasoline Coupons To Be Invalid For Use After March 31

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The Office of Price Administration announced today that "B" and "B-1" and old-style "E" and "R" gasoline coupons will be invalid for use by the public after March 31.

Advertisement for the Red Cross War Fund, featuring a large cross symbol and the text 'Let's Give' and 'RED CROSS WAR FUND'.

Population Of 150,000 Seen For Wilmington In Post-War Period

Wilmington's post-war planning committee should plan now for a city of 150,000 after the war, Dr. Gus Dyer, noted Southern economist said Thursday at a joint meeting of Wilmington civic clubs.

BERRY IS HEARD IN CHAPLIN CASE

LOS ANGELES, March 23.—Auburn-haired Joan Berry told a Federal jury today she had been sexually intimate with Film Actor-Producer Charlie Chaplin on numerous occasions both in Beverly Hills and New York City.

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27 U. S. BOMBERS LOST Nazi Air Force Comes Up In Strength To Give Battle To Raiders

LONDON, March 23.—Strong forces of American bombers, following up a record 3,360-ton bombardment of Frankfurt by the RAF last night, carried out a sweeping series of daylight attacks against five other German targets today, shooting down at least 20 enemy planes as the Nazi air force came up in strength to battle.

CASSINO BATTLE IS STILL RAGING New Zealand Troops Are Fighting At Edge Of Italian Town

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, March 23.—The latest phase of the bitter struggle for Cassino, Nazi stronghold defending the Roman valleys, raged through its eighth day today with battle-weary New Zealand troops still fighting at the town's southern edge and other Allied forces clinging stubbornly to several hard-won heights west of the town.

HULL TO EXPLAIN FOREIGN POLICY

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Snow-haired 72-year-old Cordell Hull has picked up a challenge flung by critics of administration foreign policy and begun a campaign in support of his work as Secretary of State which may prove to be one of the dramatic personal undertakings of this political year.

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Jap Column Drives 60 Miles Inside India In Surprise 24-Hour Action

By LEONARD MILLIMAN Associated Press War Editor A new Japanese column drove 60 miles inside India in a surprising 24-hour invasion, Allied communiques reported today, even as American planes ranged widely against enemy fortifications and transportation from the Central Pacific to Indo-China.

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