ESTABLISHED 1867

First Group Of Air Wacs Arrives In Hawaii For Service



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

Way To Speed End Of War Is Suggested By

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 suggested that members of the WAC be sent to me various fronts, into the

"The enemy will fall in love with them, and after that, the end will be quick."

ODT ESTABLISHES

raffic registration bureau for protection."

program designed to gain full utili- present. ration of heavy duty over-the-road load before making a trip.

loaded truck, the ODT district

and may be leased to other ear- dustrial progress."

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

WASHINGTON, March 23-(A)-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

"B" and "B-1" coupons have not been issued since Nov. 30, 1943, while the old "E" and "R" tickets have not been issued since

A few with expiration dates later than March 31 may be exthanged for new coupons at local ration boards, OPA said.

Noted Economist Here Lauds American Business Through Its Struggles

his listeners that "the only way he said. we can come back with American | The entire industrial structure of industrial progress is by restor- America must be rebuilt after the office Here industrial progress is by reside war, because it is too centralized now, he said, adding that immediate by putting the responsibility now, he said, adding that immediate the war, the trend of the come-back in American busi- diately before the war, the trend The opening in Wilmington of a ness leaders under constitutional was toward decentralization, and

trucks in over-the-road Dr. Dyer, who appeared through so. The man who looks to the fu ervice, effective Monday morning, the courtesy of the Associated ture now, and makes plans for arch 27, was announced Thurs- General Contractors, Charlotte this expansion will be the one to day by G. T. Musselman, district branch, spoke before a joint meetmanager, Office of Defense Trans- ing of the Wilmington civic clubs, at which various outstanding gov-The bureau is a part of a new ernmental and civic leaders were BERRY IS HEARD

The only way America can do nucks by requiring empty and anything in the post-war period is partially loaded trucks to register to go back to the constitution, with the Office of Defense Trans- which is the basis of all Liberty with the Office of Detense Transportation in order to get a full
in the United States, Dr. Dyer
said.

tiers at the direction of the ODT Under the leadership of business, the South, following the Civil War, broke into his Beverly Hills home In order to get full loads, trucks went from rock bottom to the top, through a window carrying a gun, may be required to travel a slight- creating industries and wealth, in the subsequent meeting with Chapregreater distance than originally only two short generations, and lin ending, she said, in another inif the government had interferred, timacy. In the event a carrier's empty or and attempted to give the orders,

partially loaded truck is not near saying how the South could adapt of the saying how the saying how

DR. DYER HEARD HERE Population Of 150,000

For Leading Nation

turn to a system of free enterprise meeting of Wilmington civic clubs. Germany. following the war was made Thurs-

The attempt of government to a Federal jury today she had been under the new program, registration facilities will be established at all ODT district offices, of at all ODT district offices, of ed at all ODT district offices, of which there are 24 in the southeast and 142 throughout the nation. Five such offices are located in North such such in Beverly will it to be announced later, he and this find in the chapter of Allied positions at heavy specific instances in which the country specific instances in which is to be annou Charlotte, Winston - Salem and post-war world business leaders porting box to New York City for post-war world, business leaders, porting her to New York City for tional security. not the government, must be immoral purposes, slouched in a

manager may direct him to accept business leaders, in cooperation tion. and transport freight which has with local and state governments neen registered with the district may be counted on to plan and lease it to a contract carrier or will be created for millions that timacies with Chaplin were con- Declaration. another common carrier. Partially will enable them to retain their tinued in a New York hotel after loaded trucks operated by private independence and self respect in he had arranged for her to meet bers of the Senate Foreign Rela- bringing up fresh soldiers—some sociated Press staff photographand contract carriers will not be taking care of themselves and thus him there in October, 1942. registered, but empty trucks of do their part in building up an

with other carriers if he is a pri- run business was compared by Dr.

Seen For Wilmington In Post-War Period

Wilmington's post-war planning committee should plan now for a Gus Dyer, noted Southern econo-"North Carolina has always tak-

day by an outstanding Southern en the lead among the Southern quarters announced strong forma- ples, March 23.—(P)—The latest economic writer, speaker and one States, and if it continues as it tions of Liberators and Fortresses phase of the bitter struggle for time-Vanderbilt university profes- has, many new industries will be hit: concentrated here after the war. The speaker, Dr. Guss W. Dyer, Many of them will come to Wil- air station at Achmer; a bomber its eighth day today with battlechief of the speakers bureau of mington, and this city should see base at Handorf; a war factory at weary New Zealand troops still the Southern States Industrial to it now that it is prepared when Muenster and the Messerschmitt fighting at the town's southern Council of Nashville, Tenn., told the industrial revolution comes,"

after the war it will be even more

LOS ANGELES, March 23.-(P) Auburn - haired Joan Berry told

Upon registration by a common counted on to continue this great swivel chair at counsel table with hand to face and stared stonily at

such carriers must be registered invincible system of American in- hopes of film fame, of being placed critics who claim that the govern- information here to support rear of the Press Photographers Asunder contract to the producer's ment lacks a foreign policy with area reports of great German re- sociation of New York, Inc., the studio, and of a night when she

A crowd of 250 hushed spectators listened intently. Miss Berry was clad in a light blue wool coat with narrow black collar, a brown dress, a string of pearls, black high-heeled pumps and carried a large black bag. Her slender hands the nails lacquered red, often fluttered to her face in a gesture of confusion when she tried to remember some questioned matter. As the prosecution's star witness the 24-year-old unwed mother was

Chaplin's lawyer, Jerry Giesler. President's Head Cold Is 'Decidedly Better'

cross - examined rigorously by

WASHINGTON, March 23-(A)the head cold which has kept President Roosevelt within the residential quarters of the White House for four successive days was described as "decidedly better" today by Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, presidential physi-

Again today the chief executive worked in his study but had no formal engagements.

27 U. S. BOMBERS LOST Jap Column Drives 60 Miles Inside India In Surprise 24-Hour Action 43 Mile Advance By Soviet

1,500 Planes Assault Germany

In Big Push Toward Tarnopol;

IS STILL RAGING

New Zealand Troops Are

Fighting At Edge Of

Italian Town

Cassino, Nazi stronghold defending

edge and other Allied forces cling-

No important change of position

had been reported since Tuesday

when German parachute troops

were disclosed to have recaptured

the wreckage of the Continental

Hotel. Some of the most desper-

of the hotel and several nearby

heights west of the town.

to Aitape.

LONDON, March 23—IP.—Strong forces of American bombers, following up a record 3,360-ton bombardment of Frankfurt by the Bombar tacks against five other German Pacific to Indo-China. tacks against five other German
- Nine small Japanese ships and targets today, shooting down at least 20 enemy planes as the 23 self-propelled parges were detailed parges were d

bombing rail yards, war factories buildings and heavy guns along the forces in North Burma. and air bases in northwest Ger- New Guinea coast from Wewak

Nazi Air Force Comes Up

In Strength To Give

Battle To Raiders

It was the 13th attack against sixth strong blow in nine days. It was the 18th operation for the ment directed against Imphal on month for the heavies and equalled the record set in Februaryled the record set in February—indicating that the record number CASSINO BATTLE of daylight attacks made in one would be easily exceeded by the

end of March. The Germans had no time to recover from the daylight operations before air raid warning were sounded in the Reich against RAF night attackers. At 9 p. m. the city of 150,000 after the war, Dr. Berlin radio warning system broadcast: "A number of nuisance An appeal for an immediate re- mist said Thursday at a joint raiders are over northwestern

U. S. Strategic Air Force head-

The railway yards at Hamm; an the Roman valleys, raged through production center at Brunsv ch This was the first time the Ger- ing stubbornly to several hard-won

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buildings, five Nazi tanks having WASHINGTON, March 23 .- (A)-Snowy-haried 72-year-old Cordell been destroyed in that locality. Snowy-haried 72-year-old Cordell
Hull has picked up a challenge
Hull has picked up a challenge counter-attacks against Castle Hili.

Wednesday showed that Wilmingtonians have set a stout heart to

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The enemy threw two strong tonians have set a stout heart to premier, there were indications tonians have set a stout heart to premier. flung by critics of administration an intermediate peak only a few a steep climb, having contributed premier, there were indications foreign policy and begun a camhundred yards from Cassino's nearly one - fourth of the \$75,000 that all Nazi satellites were bepaign in support of his work as western edge, yesterday, but each quota-Secretary of State which may time was thrown back with heavy prove to be one of the dramatic losses. French artillery repulsed Red Cross campaign headquarters der Nazi direction, or of being ocpersonal undertakings of this poli- two other Nazi stabs near Monte to submit figures of the first of cupied by Nazi troops.

Castellone, three miles northwest ficial financial response express-The secretary served notice at of Cassino. a press conference today that in

Tomorrow the secretary will past two months to break through end of the week. LeGrand request meet with 24 Republican representinto the Liri Valley — and these that all workers submit reports to hand to face and stared stonily at tatives who are regarded as sup- have included five fierce attacks their captains and that captains gone before him. "Under constitutional protection, her with never a flicker of emo- porters of a policy of international on the ground and the greatest turn in reports before 4:30 p. m. cooperation but want to know what tactical air assault in history- Friday. Joan never glanced his way, the Roosevelt administration has the Germans still hold the Cassino The attractive, Detroit-born film done to implement such statements gateway firmly. office, or, if the truck is empty, open the road back to American aspirant told a jury of seven wom- of principle and ideals as the At- The town's natural defenses per- over! the carrier may be required to prosperity. Under this plan, jobs en and five men her alleged in-lantic Charter and the Moscow mit the Nazis to hold it with a

> Yesterday Hull talked with mem- ed force. While they have been tions Committee. That was less could be seen moving up a road ers won three of eight first prizes Serious - faced, she told of her than 24 hours after he had met in the distance today—there is no in the ninth annual competition

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Of Any Firm In U. S.

Local Shipyard Has Lowest Cost Per Ship

WASHINGTON, March 23-P) - Commander Arthur D. Rydstrom, head of the Maritime Commission's price renegotiation board, told a House merchant marine subcommittee today that since the board's establishment \$184,840,000 had been returned to the government under commission con-

tracts. Testifying at an investigation of reports of excessive profits by operators of wholly government owned yards Rydstrom said 1,556 Liberty ships were delivered up to last November 30 at a total estimated cost of \$2,091,220,000. Ine average profit to the contractor, he added was 5.5 per cent after renegotiating and after taxes.

The North Carolina Ship building Company, at Wilmington, N. C., which he said had the lowest average cost per vessel, earned an estimated profit of 1.4 per cent after renegotiation and taxes.

| the main road from India to Bur-| patch as saying Japanese in north Associated Press War Editor ma. Each column is 30 miles away Burma had "quickly taken all from the town, one on the south measures to wipe out" small 60 miles inside India in a surpris- and the other on the east.

RAF last night, carried out a sweeping series of daylight atonto the Imphal plains.

Russians Penetrate 37 Miles

Nazi air force came up in strength stroyed in an air smash at We- across the border almost midway destruction of three locomotives. wak, where for weeks Allied bomb- between the main Burmese thea- Liberators in the Central Pacific Twenty-seven American bomb- ers have been clipping the wings ters. Their objective, Imphal, is set fires in warehouse and dock ers and six fighters were fost as of Nipponese air power on New 175 miles by road from the supply areas of Ponape and Kusaie, outthe U. S. Eighth Air Force used Guinea. Two hundred tons of line feeding Lt. Gen. Jpseph Stil- posts of the Truk fortress in the probably more than 1,500 planes in bombs wrecked parked planes, well's Chinese-American-Indian eastern Carolines. Other bombers

The newest expeditionary force against bitterly resisting enemy islands. German targets in March and the Tokyo has sent into India, formed forces, toward the Myitkyina-Manthe lower arm of a pincers move- dalay railway.

RED CROSS DRIVE

PROGRESSES HERE

One-Third Of Quota Be-

lieved Subscribed Here;

Speed-Up Asked

ed confidence that their groups

among employes so that substan-

Cross War Fund drive reports on downfall in 1918.

Divisional chairman meeting in complete military cooperation un-

kans.

Nazi'Bullying' Campaign

American airborne units that land-

China-based - Mitchell bombers

and fighters made the customary The Chinese were reported driving down the Mogaung Valley, held atolls in the eastern Marshall man-Russian partition boundary

Fires were left blazing by South Pacific raiders at Vunakanau, one Berlin radio quoted a Tokyo dis- of Rabaul's five airdromes.

SMASH INTO KOVEL

Forces Is Reported In Old Poland

LONDON, Friday, March 24. (A)-The Russians today announced a 37-mile-deep breakthrough in the 43-mile advance deep inside old Poland had broken into the town of Kovel on the main road to War

The smash into Kovel, on which the Russians were silent, carried the swift-rolling Russians to established in 1939-the line from which the Germans invaded Russia June 22, 1941.

The Russian announcement of

the big Tarnopol breakthrough came 24 hours after Berlin had it as a powerful flanking maneu-Is Launched In Balkans ver to the south to meet Russian forces on the Dniester. Such a thrust could trap large German LONDON, March 23.—(AP)—In a desperate demonstra- up as far as the Vinnitsa area, tion of Nazi power, Adolf Hitler, holding Hungary under The Russian daily communique his thumb, today launched a campaign of bullying the other southeastern European nations into a stand-or-perish podriven directly between the hard sition with Germany against the onrushing Red Army. German cores of defense at Tar-A strongly supported Ankara re- nopol and Proskurov and swelled port said that German troops be- right and left in maneuvers degan the formal occupation of Ru- signed to encircle those cities and mania early today. Telephone thus smash the pivot pins on which the Nazis' Ukraine forces depend. With Tarnopol already cut off manian capital of Bucharest and manian capital of Bucharest and on the north, east and south, the Sofia in Bulgaria were interrupted. Russians said they had taken 32 (A London broadcast said a dismiles of the railway running south, patch from Switzerland declared from a point three miles south that Prince Cyril of Bulgaria and of the city to the junction of Kop-

Regent Bogdan Philov "have been ordered to the headquarters of pol. Hitler next Monday." This broad-Besides Kopchintse, captured While unofficial reports are Germany's present moves apboylya, Nikoltsy and Grzhimalov, lacking, it was believed Thurs-day night that the local Red Cross the rising tide of peace sentiment in the past three days, the Soviet in that section of war - weary

communique stated. ing nicely, and possibly a thrid of Europe and prevent-temporarily the quota had been subscribed. at least—a repetition of the disin-The Russians made their great est effort in the area south of The first audit of the 1944 Red tegration which led to Germany's est effort in the area south of Tarnopol without withdrawing any again today through another 115 settlements. ing given the choice of providing

Apart from the Tarnopol breakthrough, the most striking and nouncement was the Soviet ad-

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TEXAS GOVERNOR the ultimate collapse in the Bal-It was elsewhere indicated that RAPS ROOSEVELT Hitler was preparing to "kidnap" Rumania to shore up his tottering edffice. There were widespread

MUSKOGEE, Okla., March 23. -(R)-Senator W. Lee O'Daniel of presence as Admiral Nicholas Texas, in a speech attacking new Horthy, regent of Hungary, had dealers "from the President on down," declared tonight the taxpayers were being smothered un-Something to remember: Don't SOLONS TO WATCH payers were being sincered and der a public debt that would reach \$10,000 a family before the war. He attributed this "staggering

burden" to asserted mismanage ment of domestic and foreign af-WASHINGTON, March 23.-(P) fairs by "the dynasty in Wash-Backed by the Foreign Affairs ington" and appealed for a return Committee, a move started in the to "sane constitutional government House today to give Congress through election of men of abili-The Texas Democrat spoke at

a rally of Republicans and anti-This authority was written into new deal Democrats backing Rethe bill extending President Rooseocrat William G. Stigler in next Tuesday's second district Congres-

ical sentiment, will be climaxed Monday with the appearance of Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, the Senate majority leader, who will talk here for Stigler.

"What America needs most today," O'Daniel asserted, "is a That extension of lend-lease is thorough housecleaning in Wash industries, it was reported today. The industries chosen for WPB- not to be construed to give the ington—a housecleaning from cel-

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Tough' Policy For Draft Deferments Agreed Upon

Despite all Allied efforts of the tial reports can be made by the

comparatively small but determin-

inforcements in Cassino.

tires and tubes together with that their war production will be plants making tire cord, fabric seriously injured if they must give Rep. Wadsworth (R.-N.Y.), who and molds, high tenacity rayon, up men under 26 to the armed certain airplanes. certain types of servces. radar, certain submarine plants, Two branches of the aviation in- proper and workable relationship" and plants making a secret weap- dustry, transport and engine man- between the Congress and the The plan may mean continued more than a fourth of their tech-

deferment for about 40,000 of the nical workers are under 27 years 250,000 men under 26 now deferred of age. because of their occupations.

A letter informing manufactur- and Navy air chiefs, James P. Henry J. Kaiser announced toemployes has been drafted by C. E. Wilson, chairman of the pro- (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4) 4 at Richmond, Calif

agreed on a "tough" policy under of the War Production Board, the sought until after the Easter vacawhich occupational draft defer-ments for men under 26 will be Army and Navy It has been held approved only for skilled person- up, however, pending a final re-

While the list is subject to Army-Navy support of deferment President any authority to "as- lar to attic." change, the industries now on it for key workers do not include sume" obligations on the part of are landing craft, synthetic rubber and 100-octane gasoline plants, which have protested vigorously ber and 100-octane gasoline plants,

In a report to Wilson and Army

nel in a highly select group of view by all parties concerned.

put things off today, put them AP PHOTOGRAPHERS WIN NEW YORK, March 23-(A)-As-

cast was reported by CBS.)

Some London quarters main-

tained the Hitler pressure could

only delay and would not prevent

rumors that Premier Ion Antones-

cu had been summoned to Hitler's

watchdog power over the Presi- ty-not political parasites." dent in final settlement of Lend-Lease contracts.

velt's lend-lease program for another year beyond June 30. The revised bill was ordered reported sional election. for action by the entire House. The ally as a barometer of 1944 politically as a barom WASHINGTON, March 23.—(A)—| duction executive committee, a be the fuse for a pointed argument committee conceded that it may The Army, Navy and WPB have group made up of representatives and so a vote probably will not be

The amendment is phrased this

er words Congressional review.

sponsored the change, explained in a statement that it assures "a ufacture, also have protested that White House in any final settlement of a lend-lease contract.

> DUTCH VESSELS WASHINGTON March 23--(P)-

ers of this decision and advising Murray, president of the Aeronau- day he would construct some time those in the select industries how tical Chamber of Commerce, said this year 30 coastwise cargo vesto go about seeking deferment for 27.4 percent of the engineers in sels for the Netherlands Indies