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**Calls for \$180 Million Fund To Carry Services Through Year**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Tomorrow the American Red Cross will open its appeal to the nation for \$180,000,000 to continue its world wide operation with battle front troops, in hospitals and on the home front.

Simultaneously President Roosevelt, Basil O'Connor, chairman of the Red Cross, and Cilby Chester, chairman of the War Fund campaign, called upon all Americans to support the fund drive as an indication of their backing of men in the front lines.

In officially opening the campaign, Chairman O'Connor pointed out that the need for Red Cross services in the coming year will be greater than ever before.

"American men have been fighting throughout the world for a long time," he said. "This year they will need all of the moral support we can give them. The American Red Cross is bringing home to these men wherever they may be stationed.

"The task in the next twelve months will be greater for the Red Cross than ever before, for not only must we serve the men in the war zones but we will be required to give increasing assistance to the boys coming back to the United States.

"We know the American people will respond with overwhelming generosity, knowing that the money they give to the Red Cross will be used to serve the men and women who are serving in uniform for us."

It was estimated here that more than 3,000,000 American Red Cross volunteers will conduct the house to house canvass which be Red Cross affiliation during the year tomorrow. Each canvasser will carry credentials indicating campaign.

**Outlines Achievements**  
 Outlining achievements of the Red Cross during the past year, Mr. O'Connor declared the Red Cross is serving in every theater of war and with every command. Red Cross workers also are on duty at scores of outposts over the world, are giving aid to wounded men in hospitals in the major battle areas and in the United States, he said. The total number of workers has more than doubled since the last War Fund campaign.

In every invasion during the past year, he pointed out, the Red Cross has either gone with the troopers or has followed within a very short time. Red Cross field directors were with General Eisenhower's men in the great amphibious invasion of France, and with General MacArthur's forces when they returned to the Philippines.

**Home Front Service Expands**  
 Red Cross service on the home front has expanded with the ever increasing demand upon it, Mr. O'Connor said.

Over ten million pints of blood have been obtained since the war started, and during the past year the Red Cross has met the requests of both the Army and Navy for whole blood shipments to battle areas in Europe and in the Far East.

Millions of surgical dressings have been prepared for front line and hospital use.

Trained nurse's aides have been mestic military and naval hospitals in increasing numbers in order to relieve in the shortage of professional nurses.

Centers have maintained a steady stream of Prisoner of War Food Parcels for shipment to Germany and to the Far East.

**Aid For Disasters**  
 Neither has the Red Cross relaxed in its traditional service to humanity in time of disaster, Mr. O'Connor said. More than 200 domestic disasters have found Red Cross workers on the job to relieve stricken families and to aid in the rebuilding of communities. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been poured out to rebuild homes destroyed by floods, high winds and fires.

Meanwhile Red Cross production workers in hundreds of communities have continued the never ceasing program of making warm garments for destitute civilians in war torn countries overseas, and in those countries the Red Cross has assisted the Army in caring for refugees and homeless people.

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