

War Chest Campaigns in City and County Set to Open Monday

USO Is Chief Agency Aiding Boys' Morale

The importance of the USO in maintaining the morale, comfort and entertainment of the service man is shown in the report of the Salem USO and should be considered as an important factor when budgeting for the United War Chest drive, it is stressed by Chest officials. The USO is one of the service organizations assisting the service men which are beneficiaries in the War Chest campaign.

Individual services to service men are many at the local USO. A quick glance shows that almost 500 women donate their time at the USO snack bar each month. Under the supervision of Mrs. Anna Thayer, some 450 garments were mended for service men at the USO in September. Shaving facilities provide shaves for hundreds of service men each week.

Last December volunteer workers wrapped over 1500 gifts in Christmas packages and mailing paper for mailing. Money orders and air mail stamps are available at the USO.

USO girls assist with the checking service and an information service desk is always in operation. USO staff members provide a personal counseling service.

Many service men go to the USO to write their letters home. Last month 16,521 envelopes and postcards were used. Thousands of letters and cards are mailed from there each month.

Church services and announcements are always listed on the bulletin board for the convenience of service men. Religious literature of all faiths is to be found on a rack and last month alone 543 pieces went into the hands of service men without cost.

Cleaning supplies and clothes pressing equipment are to be found at the USO to be used by service men.

Much entertainment is provided under staff supervision and includes Saturday night dances and a formal dance every six weeks, ballroom, tap and square dancing classes, group singing, palm reading by Mrs. Arthur Rahn, a program of classical recordings once a week, ping pong, billiards and numerous small games. A USO chorus was recently formed.

Educational trips to the capital and state institutions as well as geology field trips and jaunts to the Lee Eyerly ranch have also been arranged by the USO. During the summer picnics, swimming parties, golf, skating, soft ball and other sports were featured on the USO agenda for the pleasure of service men.

The USO also provides GSO members for dances at the post, a splendid home hospitality bureau which provides dinner engagements and sleeping accommodations for service men with Salem families, a club for service men's wives.

The local USO has Robert Boardman as director; Hill Anthony, associate director; Mrs. O. K. DeWitt, hostess; Mrs. Kenneth Humphrey, secretary and bookkeeper; Mrs. Eldon Griffon, canteen director; Mrs. Ralph Mitchell, part-time hostess; Mrs. Herman Pfister, part-time hostess and in charge of senior hostesses.

Salem YMCA Goes All-Out for Service Men



For years the Salem YMCA has been alert to every opportunity for service. It has come forward—and voluntarily, not after solicitation—to solve innumerable community needs, emergency or long-range. When service men in great numbers began frequenting Salem at weekends, the YMCA converted its gymnasium into a dormitory; how well it has been utilized may be judged from the upper picture. The YM lobby also is a "home away from home" for the men in uniform, as may be seen in the lower picture. A portion of the Salem United War Chest fund helps the YMCA to provide these services.

Endorsement of National War Fund Voiced by President in Letter

"All gainfully employed people should be given the privilege of subscribing" to the National War Fund, President Roosevelt has declared in a letter to the secretary of war, the secretary of the navy, and Chairman Land of the US maritime commission. The president's letter follows:

"With the strength of union, the economy of federation, and the backing of traditionally generous America, the National War Fund—like all essential parts of our war effort—must be given abundant and prompt support.

"In October, the National War Fund will present to all our people an appeal for service to our fighting forces, for service to the unconquerable people of the United Nations, and for service to the home front in the United States. The USO, the other agencies devoted to the common war aim in foreign lands, and those guiding the families of service men, and war workers, and their families, towards necessary health, welfare and recreation—all these are joined in one campaign.

"As all gainfully employed people should be given the privilege of subscribing, I am confident that you will cooperate with the National War Fund in developing reasonable plans for solicitation and payment of gifts from employees of your department and from employees of plants operated by you or under contracts let by you."

Armed Forces Benefit Most By War Chest

A functional summary of the budget of the national war fund, Oregon's share of which is to be raised through the Oregon War Chest campaign, shows that the goal of \$125,000,000—to cover the needs of its 17 member agencies for the 14 months ending October 1, 1944—is to be distributed as follows:

Services to our armed forces, which include the USO, \$61,226,827; war prisoners aid, \$5,888,168; services to the merchant marine, \$4,744,097; refugee relief, which embraces aid to those who managed to escape from the occupied countries, \$8,637,849; aid to civilians in combat zones, \$24,973,626; relief in occupied countries, where there is assurance that supplies will not fall into the hands of the enemy, \$5,925,566; administrative and campaign costs \$898,000; and contingent fund, \$12,807,967.

In addition to the \$125,000,000 National War fund goal, it is expected that another \$125,000,000 will be raised by local united community campaigns for needs of the home front agencies for health, welfare and recreation.

Following the policy of the president's War Relief Control board that there should be but one coordinated relief unit for each of the United Nations, many of the member agencies of the National War fund are today federations of a number of organizations which used to operate independently before admission to the fund. One United Nations relief agency, for instance, is a combination of eight established units, while another agency devoted to refugee relief represents the interests of six organizations in this particular field. All told, the 17 member agencies have more than 30 units federated in their organization structure.

In channeling funds, the National War fund and its member agen-

cies recognize the efficiency and economy of administration in using existing organizations. Efficiency of operation can often best be accomplished by using established hospitals, children's homes, and other relief organizations already operating in foreign countries.

Some of these permanent organizations in various parts of the world, through which the member agencies of the National War fund operate, include: 31 hospitals in North Africa; 200 children's institutions in China; and 400 homes and hostels for child victims of the war in Great Britain. These are only a small percentage of all such participating service organizations which represent the active, responsible, experienced and most direct means of reaching those in need for whom these funds have been contributed.

The full list of the 17 war-related causes for whom the National War fund will raise the funds to carry on this work, includes: USO (United Service Organizations); United Seamen's Service; War Prisoners Aid; Belgian War Relief society; British War Relief society; French Relief fund; Friends of Luxembourg; Greek War Relief association; Norwegian Relief; Polish War Relief; Queen Wilhelmina fund; Russian War Relief; United China Relief; United Czechoslovakia Relief; United Yugoslav Relief fund; Refugee Relief trustees; and US Committee for the Care of European Children.

Polish Refugee Aid Provided to Youth in Egypt, Palestine

In order to take care of thousands of Polish orphaned children, especially boys, the Polish government-in-exile has established camps for these youths in Egypt and Palestine.

These camps are under semi-military discipline. The boys are called "young braves."

During his recent visit in Palestine, Archbishop Francis J. Spellman visited the "young braves" school there and he gained, as he put it, "a picture of the Polish youth that is so clear, it gives me fresh inspiration for the Polish cause."

Homelike Wedding in Distant Town, Arranged for Salem Couple, Typical USO Service

Appreciation of services performed and accommodations provided by the USO on behalf of their boys away from home surely must be universal among the families of service men; realization through first-hand experience of what USO hospitality can mean is not so widespread, though most wives and parents of soldiers, sailors and marines who have visited them at distant training camps have come in contact with it in some way.

Few residents of the Salem vicinity are likely to be more enthusiastic in their praise of the USO than the Earl Strausbaugh and W. H. Grabenhorst families. Earl Strausbaugh, Jr., seaman second class, and Roberta Anne Grabenhorst were married in the USO Hospitality House at Livermore, Calif., on Monday, August 9. But that is only part of the story.

Seaman Strausbaugh did not learn until the preceding Friday that he was to have a few more days "ashore" so that the ceremony could be performed at that time. He put in a telephone call to Salem and the next morning Roberta Anne, her mother and Earl's mother were aboard a train en route for California. They arrived in Livermore Sunday afternoon, hot and travel-weary, and faced a problem with respect to accommodations typical in these days in towns near military camps.

But when they inquired at the USO all their troubles were over, for rooms were found and the service organizations "took over" arrangements for the wedding. How capably, is revealed somewhat in a portion of the account published in "USO Center" notes in the Livermore Herald:

"The unity of our great country was demonstrated at the first wedding held at the USO Hospitality House, in Livermore on Monday night. Two young people from the great Northwest were united in marriage by a Navy chaplain from Louisiana under the shadow of the Stars and Stripes.

"Earl Raymond Strausbaugh, Jr., seaman 2d class, of Fleet City, and Roberta Anne Grabenhorst were married by Chaplain Bracy of the Livermore Air Base. Both bride and groom are from Salem,

Oregon. The ceremony was performed in candlelight before an altar banked with laurel and greenery, and great bowls of amaryllis and lilies of the Nile. The bride wore a two piece suit of light blue and a tiny pink hat. Her corsage was of gardenias and pink baby roses. She approached the altar on the arm of her mother, Mrs. W. H. Grabenhorst, who gave her away. Mrs. E. R. Strausbaugh, mother of the groom, also attended the ceremony. Warren Smith, seaman 2d class of Fleet City was best man. After the ceremony Bobbie Ann, as she is known to her friends, aided by Earl, cut the wedding cake and a reception was held. About fifty witnessed the ceremony. USO hostesses, Mayor H. W. Anderson and family and servicemen were there.

"Mrs. Joseph Hampson at the piano and Mrs. E. R. Miller at the violin played the wedding march and Mrs. John McDonough sang the beautiful 'Lord's Prayer'."

After describing the unexpectedness with which the Hospitality House faced the problem of making arrangements for a wedding the account added:

"Everything was finally solved and at 8:45 the ceremony proceeded as calmly and quietly as though there had been no rush at all. Everyone who could help to make it the success it was. Everyone loves a wedding."

Children Come to US

The 2000 European children brought to this country by the United States Committee for the Care of European Children, member agency of the National War Fund, have been given shelter in 65 communities throughout 35 states.

YM Has Dual Wartime Role

Aids Service Men in Addition to Usual Place in Civic Life

The Salem YMCA fills a definite need in the civic life of Salem and is one of the agencies represented in the Salem United War Chest drive. Since the beginning of the war the YM has made every effort to be of assistance to servicemen in and near Salem.

At the present time 45 navy trainees, studying at Willamette university, are quartered at the YM. In all it is estimated that over 1000 servicemen make use of the YM each week. Eighty beds are available to servicemen each Saturday night with the USO assisting in the arrangements.

The Salem YM has been in existence since 1892 and its present home was erected in 1924 at a cost of \$175,000. The YMCA is a Christian character-building organization.

The "Y" sponsors classes in volleyball, boxing, handball, tennis, tumbling, weight lifting, fencing, archery, basketball, badminton, swimming, square dancing, hygiene, gym, Red Cross, and YM and Red Cross life saving classes, varsity teams and infantile paralysis rehabilitation.

The YMCA camp for boys and girls is another project of the YM and the Hi-Y clubs are also sponsored by the "Y."

The Salem Y Gleemen, Men's Garden club, World Service promotion and religious education groups are all sponsored by the YM and hundreds of Salem residents use the "Y" as a place for meetings throughout the year.

Even Wooden Shoes Scarce, Netherlands

Shortages of wooden shoes have become so acute in the Netherlands that the Nazi agricultural front actually has set up schools to teach new methods of repairing the shoes.

This news was released by the National War Fund from information gathered by its member agency, the Queen Wilhelmina Fund.

Nearly Hundred Million Made Homeless by War Among Allies Of US; War Chest Will Aid

Almost a hundred million people in the United Nations have been driven from their homes by the invader, and in addition to the perils and hardships they have already been compelled to endure, will face the difficult ordeal of emigration after the war, according to figures compiled by the National War Fund and made public through Charles A. Sprague, president of the Oregon War Chest.

The compilation is based upon reports received through the National War Fund member agencies from representatives on the scene in the various countries.

Included in this vast army of homeless people, there are approximately 68,000,000 who are either on the verge of starvation or are dependent upon outside aid for their very existence, Mr. Sprague states.

The nation having the largest number of evacuees is China where during the six years of war approximately 50,000,000 nationals are homeless, the report shows. Next in point of numbers, Russia's population has been most seriously affected with an estimated 38,000,000 men, women and children driven from one part of the country to another as the invaders advanced.

Poland has the third largest number of refugees, with an estimated 8,000,000 nationals made homeless since Germany launched its attacks four years ago this September. In Czechoslovakia 775,000 are without homes, and in Yugoslavia there are another 600,000 in the same plight, while Belgium has 450,000 in similar straits. Little Holland has an estimated 400,000 who have no homes, and Greece has 150,000. Approximately 40,000 of tiny Luxembourg's pop-

ulation of 300,000 have been driven from their homes.


These millions of people include both civilians who were ousted from their homes and those who were removed to other places and forced to work in German war industries, the committee statement says. All of them, of course, are anxiously awaiting the day when they will be able to return to their home districts to resume life where it was so suddenly and wantonly interrupted by the aggressor, albeit the great majority will be compelled to build anew.

Many of these millions may never survive to see their home towns and villages, however, the committee explains, unless they are provided with food and clothing to sustain life until the day of liberation comes.

Soph's Fete Fresh At Aumsville High

AUMSVILLE — The sophomore class of the high school entertained freshmen at the school Thursday night with the principal, R. E. Hough, and other high school teachers as guests. Games and stunts and the annual initiation of freshmen were featured.

40,000,000 Homeless



In making their magnificent stand, the Russians have paid a high price—not alone in dead, but in 40,000,000 people who have been driven from their homes. Wouldn't you feel a little better knowing you had done something to help them? They need your help and they need it **now**. You can help them through the National War Fund—which is combined with your own community campaign. Give now.

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The Moon is Down...

There are dark nights in Norway. Nights when Nazi sentries feel uneasy at their post.

It is not what they hear that disturbs them. It is what they do not hear. The deep silence behind a bush. The steady quiet around the corner of a house. The terrible hush in the blackness all around them.

For the Norwegians lost their country without ever surrendering themselves. They wait now in the night to strike back at their oppressors.

If they ever had really given in, there would be no need of the thousands of Nazi troops now in Norway. They could have been sent to the Russian front. Or Tunisia. But they couldn't be spared.

They can't be spared in Holland either. Or Poland or France or Yugoslavia or Belgium. In China, tens of thousands of Jap troops must also remain. And Axis troops will have to remain in countless countries so long as the "conquered" people have the stamina to resist.

You can help support this army already in Europe—by your contribution to the National War Fund, which you make through our community's own war fund.

For this year, the agencies that can do this job have banded together to make the collection and distribution of funds simpler, cheaper and more effective. Their job is threefold. To keep our fighting allies in the fight. To provide friendly help for our men in the armed services. And to relieve distress where it is found here on the home front.

Because all these agencies are now banded together, you are being asked to contribute only *once* for all of them. Because you are being asked to give only *once*, you are also being asked to give *generously*. Add up all you would have given to each of these agencies throughout the year, and then *double the total!* It is one of the most important contributions you can make to victory!

For All These Give Once

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