

NEW ARMY SETUP WHACKS RED TAPE FOR TASK FORCES

Plan Groups Army In
Three Basic Commands,
Air, Ground and Supply.

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President Roosevelt's reorgani-
zation of the army cuts coils of
old red tape and gives the green
light to "task forces" with spe-
cific missions.

The reorganization order re-
cognizes that the only function of
army organization is the produc-
tion of invincible task forces.
The army's new deal supplants
friction and duplication, divided
authority and confusion. Key
officers had to spend too much
time on administrative affairs,
too little on operations.

The old system was too slow,
too cumbersome and too ineffi-
cient for high-speed warfare.
Grouping the entire army in
three basic commands—air
forces, ground forces and service
of supply—gears up the army
for 1942 war. Administrative
and operational functions are
largely divorced. The general
staff—operational brains of the
army—will be slashed from an
unwieldy group of officers from
all the separate arms to a com-



MEN OF SHIPS AND SEA STRATEGY.—This is a picture of Uncle Sam's new streamlined naval high command at a recent meeting in Washington. Left to right: Rear Admiral John H. Newton, sub-chief of naval operations; Vice Admiral Frederick J. Horne, vice-chief of naval operations; Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the U.S. fleet and chief of naval operations; Vice Admiral Russell Willson, chief of staff to Commander-in-Chief King; Rear Admiral Richard S. Edwards, deputy chief of staff.

part unit of strategists and tacticians.

Detail Bothers Removed

The ground forces commander and air forces commander will be primarily concerned with operational duties, the basic and advanced training of their separate commands as fighting forces. This includes training of the separate units of each command to work together, then schooling ground and air forces in coordinated tactics.

The services of supply will take over the army's "house-keeping" chores. As outlined in Secretary of War Stimson's

preliminary explanation, the S. O. S. is charged with procurement, construction, general supply and like duties. He indicated that many administrative functions would go to the supply forces. It will be a "dual personality"—both administrative and operational. It will be responsible for the transport of troops to war fronts and will take over the paper work chores of the primarily operational forces.

The Working Plan
Theoretically, here's the way the new set-up will work. The president will determine

that the grand strategy of the war calls for operations in imaginary "Trans-Bucharia." The chief of staff advises the general staff of the decision. The staff

considers all angles, reports that such-and-such a task force will be necessary to win the Trans-Bucharian campaign and pre-
pares a master plan.

It may be that the terrain, known strength of the enemy and other factors make necessary a task force top-heavy in engineers, but supported by fighter planes and light tanks. The ground and air force commanders are advised, and a task force of engineers, fighter squadrons and armored vehicles is selected.

They go into training aimed at a campaign in Trans-Bucharia. The task force commander figures his requirements in ammunition, supplies, weapons and gear. It's up to the supply service to let the contracts, oversee the manufacture, have them ready on the day chosen and see to the transport of the force to Trans-Bucharia.

That's the way modern wars are won, with teams of coordinated forces trained for definite missions, backed by concentrated staff and supply services.

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