

**They Want to Get in the Fight**  
 "Women are tired of sitting back and letting the men do everything." That's what an Astoria mother who has a son in the Navy said yesterday as she applied for a commission in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Uncle Sam's new feminine war army. And the sentiment seemed to be general for there was a rush of volunteers. Below, some of the Queens applicants.



Phyllis Post of Bayside, already a CDVO volunteer, was one of the first WAAC volunteers. She is shown at the Bayside police station with Patrolman William Twomey of the Air Warden Service.



Mrs. Naomi Sheely of Flushing, wife of Major Charles W. Sheely.



Mrs. Sarah R. Woodhull of Astoria, left, has a son in the Navy. And Betty Stone of Jackson Heights has a boy friend overseas.



Magdalene Bayer of Flushing salutes her brother, Phillip, who is joining the Marines. Another brother, Charles, is in the Army.



Martha and Jean Sabol of Sunnyside, one a waitress, the other a cashier, fill out applications at home.

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### WIVES, SISTERS RUSH TO JOIN KIN IN ARMY

#### Scores Volunteer to Serve as Officers in WAAC

A Flushing woman, the wife of an Army major, wanted to get into the Army, too. So did an Astoria mother whose son is in the Navy. Ditto, a Flushing stenographer who has one brother in the Army and another in the Marines. They were there yesterday, along with some 1,400 other women from the metropolitan area; milling, shoving and shouting their way to the forefront to volunteer for service in Uncle Sam's new Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Most of them waited at least three hours before they were able to gain access to the offices in the Army recruiting headquarters, Manhattan, in which applications were being received; some were there from 9 A. M. until late afternoon, but the delays failed to dampen the enthusiasm of any of the women. Those who signed up just before 5 P. M. were as excited about the prospect of entering the service as those who had been at the head of the line in the morning. Here was a typical comment—that of Mrs. Sarah R. Woodhull of 31-29 Newtown avenue, Astoria, whose son, Thomas Jennings, 18, is in the Navy. "What do I want to do in the Army? I want to do anything, serve in any branch. Just so I can do (Continued on Next Page)

### WAR CHANGES MORE BUS LINES

#### North Shore, Steinway Co. Routes Affected

Additional changes in routes and schedules of Queens bus lines to conserve tires, gasoline and equipment, on orders from the Office of Defense Transportation, were announced today by officials of the North Shore Bus Company and the Steinway Omnibus Corporation. Included in the announcement was a correction and clarification of changes made public yesterday. The changes do not go into effect until June 8, according to the ODT. Changes on the North Shore Bus Company lines follow: Q-13 line, from Flushing to Fort Totten and Bayside West, will eliminate the branch which turned left at 35th avenue and Bell boulevard, going to Bayside West. The branch that continued on Bell boulevard to Fort Totten will be curtailed. Q-28 line, from Flushing along Northern boulevard to Francis Lewis boulevard to 32nd avenue, turning right at 32nd avenue and termination at 208th street, will turn right at 33rd avenue instead. Q-31 line, from Bayside West to Jamaica, will operate only during rush hours, 6 to 8:30 A. M. and 4:30 to 7 P. M. Q-26 line, from Rosewood to Queens Village, will operate full service during rush hours, but during non-rush hours, buses will run only from Rosewood to Horace Harding and Cross Island boulevards, Bayside. Q-20 line, from Flushing to College Point, will terminate at 122nd street and 14th avenue, College Point, instead of running north on 127th street to 7th avenue and making a loop along 122nd street, 5th avenue, Poppenhusen avenue, 9th avenue and 122nd street. Changes announced by the Steinway Omnibus Corporation were: Q-100 line, from Borden avenue at the Greenpoint bridge to Woodside, will run only to Bridge Plaza, Long Island City, beginning May 31. Shuttle service from Vernon boulevard and Bridge Plaza South, Long Island City, to Bridge Plaza North and Northern boulevard, Long Island City, will be curtailed.

### 11 MEN ROUNDED UP IN BURGLARY PROBE

Astoria detectives were siding today in a roundup of a gang of Bronx youths suspected of staging a number of burglaries, one of them in Queens. Eleven suspects were being questioned in Astoria and the Bronx as a result of all-night activities that started when Detectives Edward Gayne and John Dust of the Astoria Squad uncovered a clue in an investigation of an apartment robbery. Police said the prisoners would not be booked until late today and withheld details of the probe.

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### Queens Civilian Defense Recruiting Drive Launched in Factories

An intensive recruiting drive to sign up 40,000 men and women for war services was launched in Queens offices and factories today by the Queens Civilian Defense Volunteer's Office. The campaign will be concentrated in industries employing 100 or more persons, with a recruiting office appointed for each. Registrars from the CDVO will do the job of enrolling the employees, once the volunteers have been lined up. Representatives of 22 Queens industries attended a meeting in CDVO headquarters at Lost Battalion Hall in Elmhurst last night for a talk on civilian defense. Operations of the various war services were described for them and plans for the recruiting campaign discussed. Speakers included Charles G. Meyer of Bayside, co-chairman of the Queens CDVO; Mathew Napear of Forest Hills, executive director of the office; Dr. Paul Klapper of Flushing, president of Queens College, and William Ralsch of Forest Hills, borough consulting engineer and chief of the Queens Emergency Disaster Service. Meyer described the function of the CDVO enrollment, training and placement of workers. To the industrial recruiting officers he said: "We'll give you everything you need except money." Each factory and office will be supplied with a list of OCD agencies and their functions; posters for the bulletin boards; OCD speakers to address meetings of employees, and OCD registration clerks to sign up volunteers, since the enrollment cards call for considerable detailed information. Ralsch gave a talk on the work of the disaster division. He said that within 20 minutes of an alarm 200 pieces of heavy equipment could be mobilized, and that within six hours, more than 1,000 machines, fully manned, could be in operation to repair water and gas mains, broken tower cables and shattered streets. He said a trained decontamination squad was ready for instant service in the event of a gas attack. Dr. Klapper hailed the success (Continued on Page Seven)

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### Astoria Sailor Missing In Coast Guard Action

Loss of an eye several years ago in an auto accident barred James Emery Phinney Jr. of Astoria from the Army, but it did not prevent him doing his part for his country.



JAMES E. PHINNEY JR. He's Missing at Sea

### KINSLEY FLOPS ON TRACK TAX

#### Councilman Again Fails to Kill Christensen Bill

Councilman John Christensen's bill to compel the operators of Jamaica and Aqueduct race tracks to reimburse the city for special services it gives them bobbed up in the Council Finance Committee meeting yesterday and survived another attempt to smother it. Joseph E. Kinsley, Bronx Democrat and an early advocate of a track tax, led the assault on the measure, which would assess \$1,500 against the track owners for each day of operation. Kinsley, finance committee chairman, sought to file the Christensen measure on grounds that it could not be "logically" passed, now that the Legislature has increased the state's share in pari-mutuel betting from 5 to 6 per cent while cutting the tracks' "take" from 5 to 4 per cent. Kinsley said the additional "cut" by the state would entitle it by an additional \$1,000,000 a year. Christensen, Woodside Republican, was not present at yesterday's meeting but Councilman Hugh Quinn, Astoria Democrat, took up the fight against filing his colleague's bill. He insisted that in spite of the additional revenue to be paid the state, local taxpayers should be relieved of the sort of policing and cleaning up after each day's races. Vice-Chairman Joseph T. Sharkey, Brooklyn Democrat, joined Quinn in insisting that the bill should not be filed and without further comment it was put over for future action.

### BABY SUFFOCATES IN HIS CARRIAGE

Shortly before midnight last night Mrs. Rose Sweetland of 58-24 74th street, Maspeth, fed her two-month-old son, Robert, and put him to sleep in a carriage beside her bed. This morning at feeding time, there were no cries emanating from the carriage. Mrs. Sweetland grew worried, then alarmed. She got up, went to the carriage, saw her child lying face downward on the pillow. She awakened her husband, Edward, a mechanic in a Flushing garage, who looked at the baby. He summoned an ambulance from Wyckoff Heights Hospital. The ambulance doctor said the baby was dead, apparently having suffocated during the night. The Sweetlands have another son, 2 years old.

### CITY TO ACT TODAY ON AMEN GRANT

Issuance of \$95,000 in tax notes to extend the work of Special Prosecutor John Harlan Amen will be weighed today by the Board of Estimate. Amen's recent investigation of bookmaking syndicates in Brooklyn led to charges that policemen, some from Queens, had accepted bribes totaling \$1,000,000.

### 828 SURVIVORS LANDED

PERNAMBUCO, Brazil (UP)—The Argentine steamship Rio Iguazu arrived today with survivors of a ship torpedoed off the northeast coast of Brazil. Officials barred reporters from the ship. (The Axis circulated reports last week claiming the survivors were from the American battleship Maryland.)

### BRITISH TANKS NIP OFFENSIVE ACROSS LIBYA

Dispatches from the main fighting fronts showed: LIBYA—Nazi Col. Gen. Erwin Rommel's Panzer Army Africa advanced more than 100 miles across desert no-man's-land to the area south of Tobruk, where his spearhead was repulsed in a battle near Bir Hacheim and blasted by RAF planes at El Adem. Fighting in air and on ground continues. RUSSIA—Red air stops Germans on Izyum front south of Kharkov and strikes aggressive blow enemy after breaking up Nazi "psychic" attack by 101st Division band until blown to pieces by Russian artillery with 1,000 killed. German soldiers reported wearing Red army uniforms and using tanks and planes marked with Russian insignia in vain effort to infiltrate through Soviet lines. GERMANY—Allied airplanes, believed to be Russian, began bombing attacks on East Prussia; Nazis claim two shot down. CHINA—Chinese cling to defense positions at Kinwha, in Chekiang Province, after repulsing repeated Japanese attacks; Japanese on Salween River front in Yunnan Province reported encircled in Chinese counter-offensive designed to drive enemy back into Burma. On the Southern Russian front, the forces of Marshal Semyon Timoshenko were reported from Moscow to have checked the Germans' counter-offensive in the Izyum-Barvenkova sector 70 miles south of Kharkov and to have "seized the initiative at several points." Although Allied communiques told of halting the Axis offensive in Russia, China and Libya the issues were by no means decided in any of the three war zones. The Germans were said to be pouring in reinforcements of men and weapons. The British said there was no doubt that Rommel's drive was a major one aimed at knocking out British resistance in North Africa. A British communique, issued at Cairo, said that British armored forces halted the German-Italian tank columns at two points on the British southern flank around Bir Hacheim, about 40 miles south of Tobruk, and in the vicinity of Alamein midway between Bir Hacheim and Tobruk. Fighting raged throughout Wednesday before the Germans were repulsed after driving about 80 miles eastward from their advance positions. There appeared to be some evil (Continued on Page Ten)

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