



Mayor Fiorello La Guardia of New York City, national director of the Office of Civilian Defense, a nation-wide network of over 11,300 local defense councils. In the photo he is conferring with Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of the president, and Assistant Director of the Office of Civilian Defense. In 1942, James M. Landis, dean of the Harvard Law School, became his successor. In 1943, Gen. William N. Haskell took over the Office of Civilian Defense. On the left is Carole Lombard, pictured in the very early days of WW II, during a bond drive. This Hollywood Star pitched in to help, yet gave the ultimate. Native of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Lombard rose from a nobody to superstar status, and married actor Clark Gable; she once sold over 2 million bonds in one day.

mand, called the liberation of Europe the overall primary objective. The overall Allied Supreme Command fell on the shoulders of the general from Kansas, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The formulation of war policies regarding Europe, to a huge extent, paralleled offensive war policies and objectives of the Pacific. The duty of responsibility of Supreme Commands fell on two commanders in the Pacific: Admiral Nimitz and General MacArthur. With the outbreak of war, the brilliant tactician from Texas, Chester Nimitz, was given command of the Pacific Fleet; afterwards he was made chief of all central Pacific operations, which throughout the war was 95% American. From Little Rock, Arkansas, graduate first of his academy class in West Point, Douglas MacArthur was given command of the Southwest Pacific area, with homebase in Australia.

It was in February that a tough, very profane and not well known Californian, from San Gabriel, became army commanding officer of the 2nd Armored Division, replacing an old gnarled general named Charles L. Scott, who had seen better days.

Scott's military replacement was General George S. Patton, Jr.

Known to his men as Flash Gordon, Green Hornet or "Old Blood and Guts," Patton never relented from breathing fire into the men of his command. In the coming months, Patton would actually instill fear into the Field Marshals and Generals of Hitler. This brash and smart general—who took five years rather than four to graduate from college—was of unique character, and he never gave up on anything. Once on tank training, for example, he asked a corporal what he was shooting at. "A concealed machine gun, Sir" the corporal replied. "Goddam it," exploded Patton, "That's not a

