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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS INC.

FEBRUARY 4th, 1941 - JANUARY 9th, 1943

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To the People of the United States

JUST seven years ago, (on February 4, 1941), the USO was incorporated "to aid in the war and defense program of the United States and its allies by serving the religious, spiritual welfare and educational needs of the men and women in the armed forces and defense industries, and in general to contribute to the maintenance of morale in American communities."

Growing out of the human concern and patriotic desire of its member agencies to render a united though separately distinctive service in a great national emergency, the USO became both a symbol of a nation's care for its sons and daughters in uniform and a principal channel for an unprecedented civilian participation in a total war effort.

In seven years the USO has exercised a fiduciary trusteeship involving \$236,000,000 voluntarily and gladly contributed by countless individuals in every county, town and hamlet in the United States and thousands of men in uniform stationed throughout the world. This money has been translated into a billion and a half recorded services—and millions more never tallied.

While the end of the war has not brought with it the end of an emergency for any nation; and while the times are still rife with human peril and human need, still the USO has discharged its mission, fulfilled its original purpose and ended its task. An official and complete history of USO has already been written and, together with pertinent documents and significant records, it will be filed permanently in the Library of Congress. The drama of the enterprise has been recorded in the book by Julia Carson, "Home Away From Home."

It is now appropriate to render a simple but complete factual accounting to our contributing and participating public. That is the purpose of this report.

January 9, 1948

L. F. Kimball

President

UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, INC.

IN THE USO AND NATIONAL WAR FUND CAMPAIGNS, state quotas and large city quotas were based upon a formula involving the following fifteen factors:

Population	Wage and Salary Earners	Total Revenue Receipts
Ration Books	Total Employees	Total Charitable Contributions
Motor Registrants	Third War Loan Quotas	Life Insurance in Force
Residence Telephones	Fourth War Loan Quotas	Retail Trade Sales
Taxpayers	Effective Buying Income	Income Payments to Individuals

SOURCE OF CONTRIBUTED FUNDS

Alabama	\$ 2,256,961	% .95	New Hampshire	990,675	.42
Arizona	557,305	.24	New Jersey	7,203,822	3.05
Arkansas	1,158,518	.49	New Mexico	425,298	.18
California	17,231,640	7.28	New York	37,978,697	16.04
Colorado	1,985,203	.84	North Carolina	3,465,818	1.46
Connecticut	4,870,508	2.06	North Dakota	708,209	.30
Delaware	910,571	.39	Ohio	14,491,357	6.12
Washington, D.C.	2,182,369	.92	Oklahoma	2,252,085	.95
Florida	1,581,910	.67	Oregon	1,948,516	.82
Georgia	2,854,177	1.21	Pennsylvania	19,227,514	8.12
Idaho	718,576	.30	Rhode Island	1,525,807	.64
Illinois	17,099,135	7.22	South Carolina	1,242,728	.53
Indiana	5,438,506	2.30	South Dakota	669,012	.28
Iowa	4,258,906	1.80	Tennessee	3,411,323	1.44
Kansas	2,325,012	.98	Texas	8,503,390	3.59
Kentucky	2,782,388	1.18	Utah	765,919	.32
Louisiana	2,377,411	1.01	Vermont	533,348	.23
Maine	1,226,809	.52	Virginia	3,597,794	1.52
Maryland	3,651,992	1.54	Washington	3,368,874	1.42
Massachusetts	8,903,417	3.76	West Virginia	1,798,724	.76
Michigan	11,175,796	4.72	Wisconsin	5,398,978	2.28
Minnesota	4,838,368	2.04	Wyoming	294,738	.12
Mississippi	1,277,903	.54			
Missouri	6,409,897	2.71	STATE TOTALS	\$230,615,547	97.42
Montana	659,927	.28	Miscellaneous*	6,105,749	2.58
Nebraska	1,790,505	.76			
Nevada	289,211	.12			
			GRAND TOTAL	\$236,721,296	%100.00

*Contributions direct to Headquarters and from the Armed Forces and points overseas.

In addition to direct contributions totaling \$236,000,000, the USO has been the beneficiary of:

- 332 buildings costing the Federal Government approximately \$20,000,000 and furnished to USO without cost by the Federal Works Agency.
- Transportation and maintenance of all Camp Shows personnel abroad.
- Almost limitless local contributions of food, and incalculable radio, advertising and news space.

THE PURPOSE OF USO was to serve men and women away from home. Therefore, funds regardless of source, were expended in direct proportion to local needs, as shown by reference to the chart on pages 6 and 7.

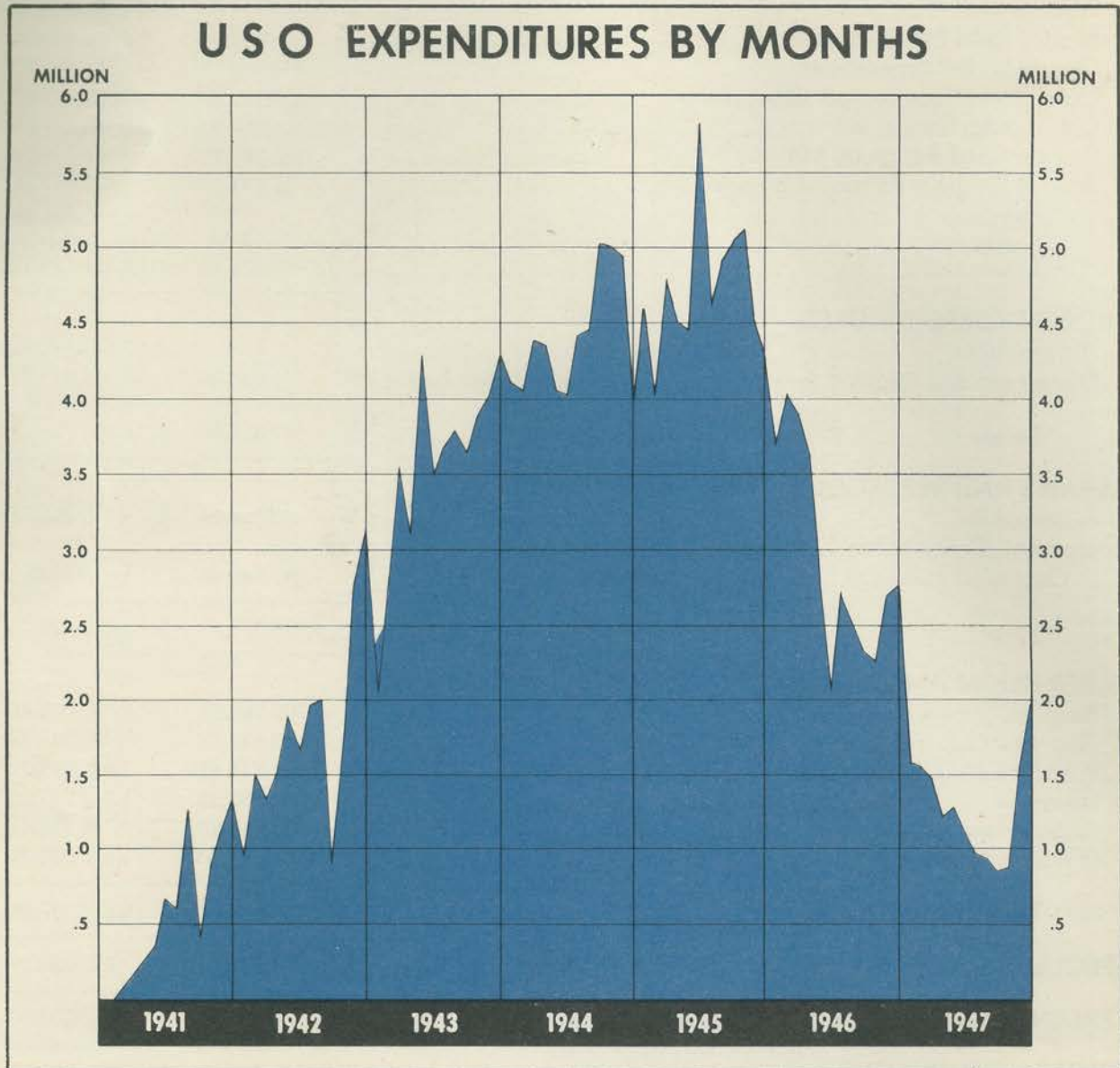
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	Year 1947	January 24, 1941 To December 31, 1947
GENERAL SERVICES:		
Agency Unit Operations	\$ 5,410,697.08	\$ 91,731,480.18
Mobile Field Operations		4,458,900.61
Overseas Unit Operations	919,163.30	11,308,951.77
Community Conducted Operations	838,762.77	13,002,037.47
USO Camp Shows, Inc.	5,150,000.00	55,160,223.00
Program and Religious Materials	100,500.00	7,742,878.22
Special Program Personnel Expense	25,897.81	1,477,657.84
Training		1,480,564.46
Total	\$ 12,445,020.96	\$186,362,693.55
PROPERTY EXPENDITURES:		
Automobiles		\$ 3,563,192.35
Equipment and Improvements of USO Occupied Buildings.....	\$ 39,053.99	10,510,597.11
Total	\$ 39,053.99	\$ 14,073,789.46
REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS EXPENSE:		
Automobiles	\$ 30,064.24	\$ 478,056.77
Equipment, Renovations and Restoration of USO Occupied Buildings	1,945,960.88	5,539,626.08
Total	\$ 1,976,025.12	\$ 6,017,682.85
SUPERVISION AND GENERAL EXPENSE:		
Regional Supervision—U.S.A.	\$ 702,555.53	\$ 8,467,005.45
Overseas Supervision—Headquarters	50,639.73	732,534.33
Public Information Service	131,975.43	1,462,595.71
Insurance	66,130.38	1,512,953.20
Accounting and Auditing	250,444.52	1,143,118.47
General Administration	1,387,734.63	13,378,930.39
Total	\$ 2,589,480.22	\$ 26,697,137.55
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN GRANTS	\$ 193,004.13	\$ 1,230,988.49
TERMINATION EXPENSE (Charged to Reserve)	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
GROSS EXPENDITURES	\$ 18,242,584.42	\$235,382,291.90
LESS INCOME:		
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment	\$ 866,233.04	\$ 3,053,925.98
Cash Discounts	136.96	72,106.70
Total	\$ 866,370.00	\$ 3,126,032.68
NET EXPENDITURES	\$17,376,214.42	\$232,256,259.22

NOTE: The figures shown for the calendar year 1947 represent actual expenditures for the ten months ended October 31, 1947, and estimated expenditures for the months of November and December, 1947.

AS A BASIC PRINCIPLE IN THE BUDGETARY PROCESS, funds were not appropriated to agencies and organizations as such but rather the work was specifically delegated and actual costs paid by reimbursement of imprest funds.

Every single expenditure by USO and its member agencies has been audited in a centralized accounting system.



SINCE THE ABOVE CHART REFLECTS CURRENT COSTS, it does not include \$1,931,102.57 paid in June and December, 1947 for renovations and restorations, liability for which has accrued since 1941.

The accounts of USO are under continuous examination and audit by Messrs. Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, Certified Public Accountants; the accounts of USO Camp Shows by Price, Waterhouse & Co.

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

CONTRIBUTIONS:

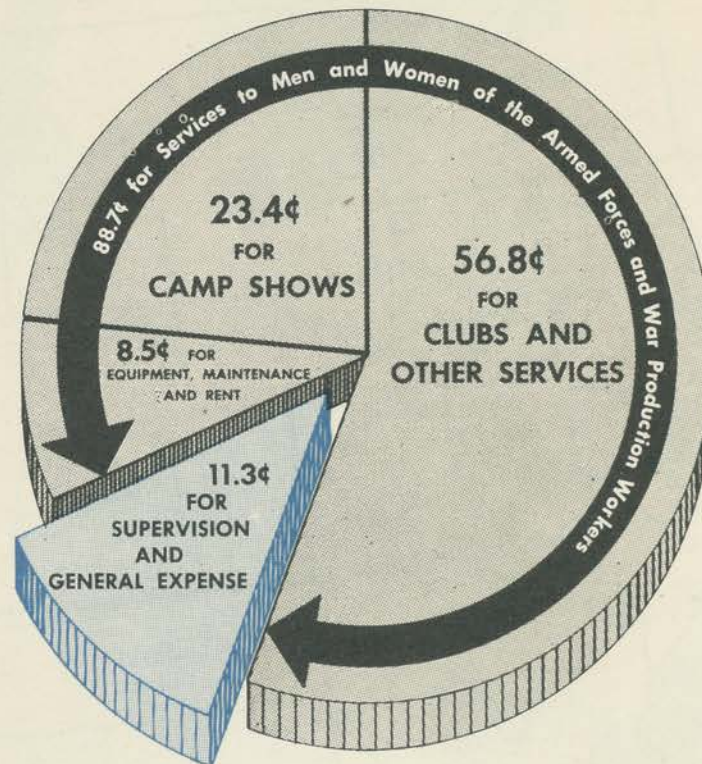
January 24, 1941 to December 31, 1947 \$236,721,295.73

EXPENDITURES:

January 24, 1941 to December 31, 1947 232,256,259.22

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURES \$4,465,036.51

HOW THE USO DOLLAR WAS SPENT



SUMMARY OF TERMINATION COSTS AND COMMITMENTS — 1948

COMMITMENTS:

Veterans' Hospital Camp Shows, Inc.	\$ 1,000,000.00
Continued military priority club and other services delegated to Member Agencies	2,499,662.00
Estimated USO Termination Costs	1,965,374.00
Terminal Reserve	1,000,000.00
	<u>\$6,465,036.00</u>

RESOURCES:

Receivable from Camp Shows	\$1,000,000
Reserve already charged off	1,000,000
Excess of Income over Expenditure	4,465,036
	<u>\$6,465,036.00</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF OPERATIONS

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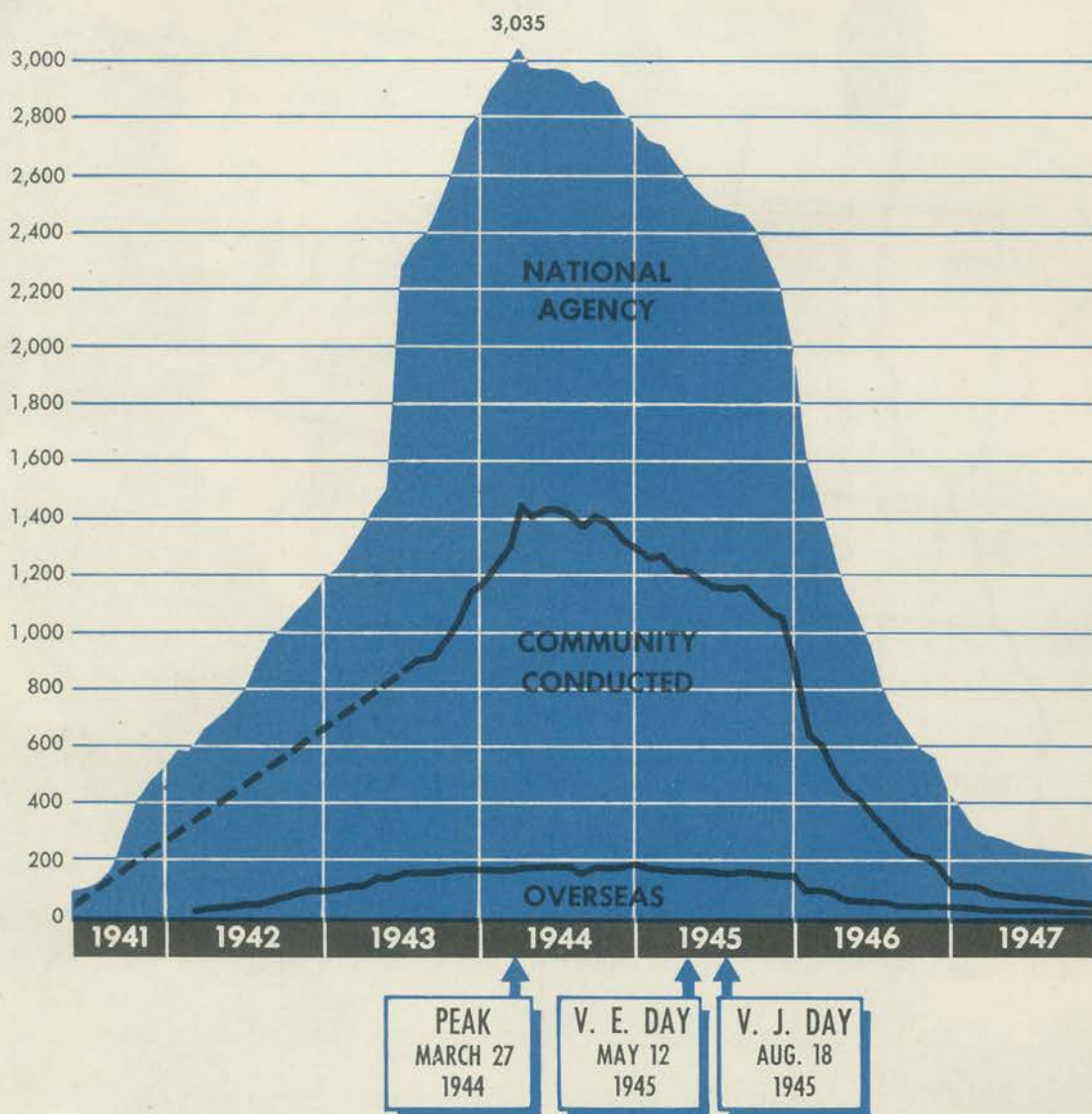


AT THE PEAK, MARCH, 1944

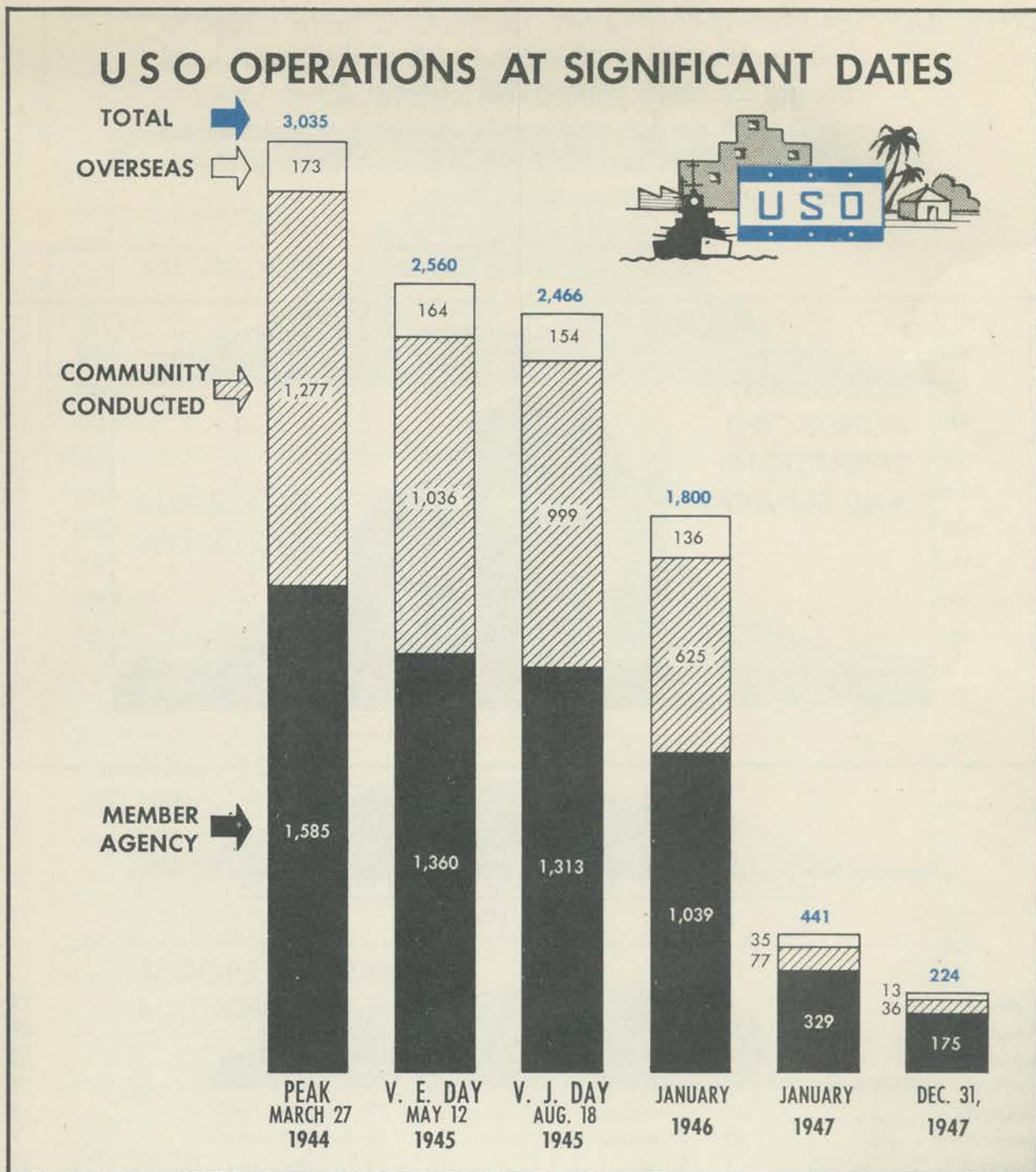


BY DIRECTION OF THE WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS, USO club services were confined to the Western Hemisphere for the most part at off-post locations. USO-Camp Shows, however, operated wherever United States troops were located throughout the world.

U S O OPERATIONS*—JUNE 1941 TO DEC. 1947



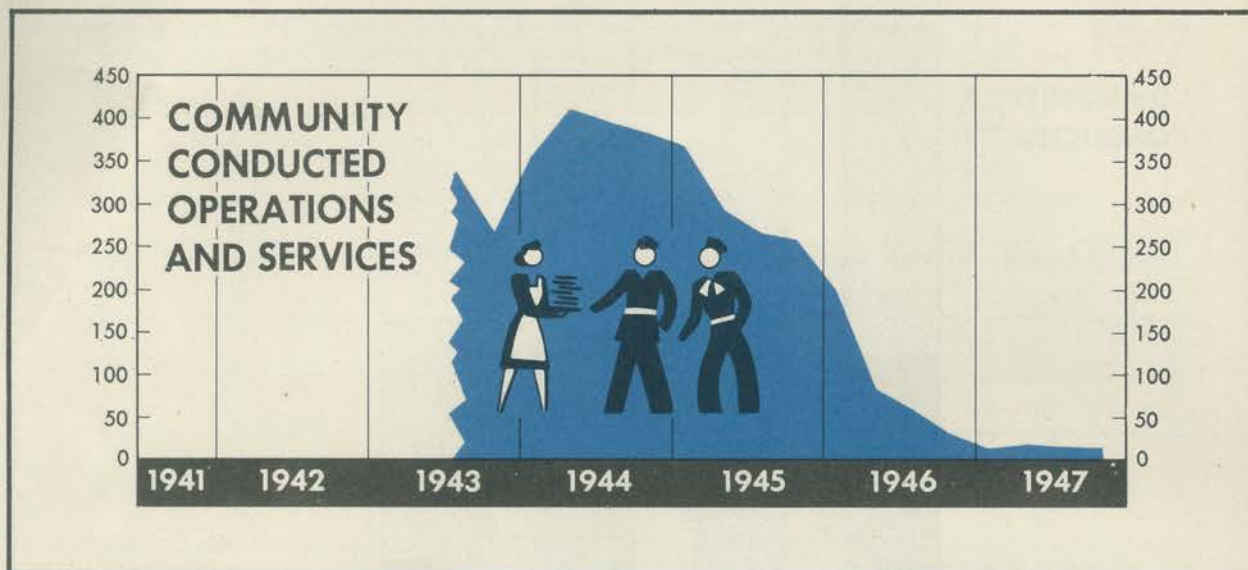
*EXCLUSIVE OF CAMP SHOWS



DURING 1943, THE PERIOD OF GREATEST EXPANSION, 1639

club services were established, at the rate of 4.5 per day over the entire year. Conversely, during 1946, with decreasing post-war needs, 1668 terminations were accomplished, at a rate of 4.57 per day.

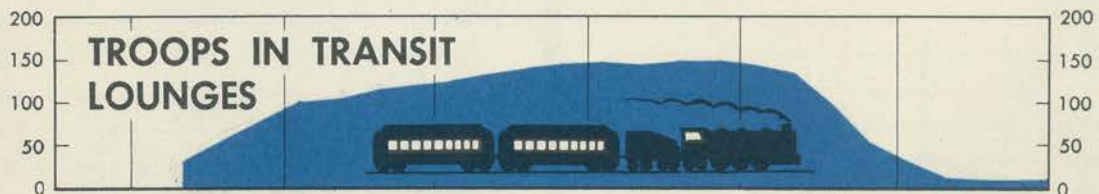
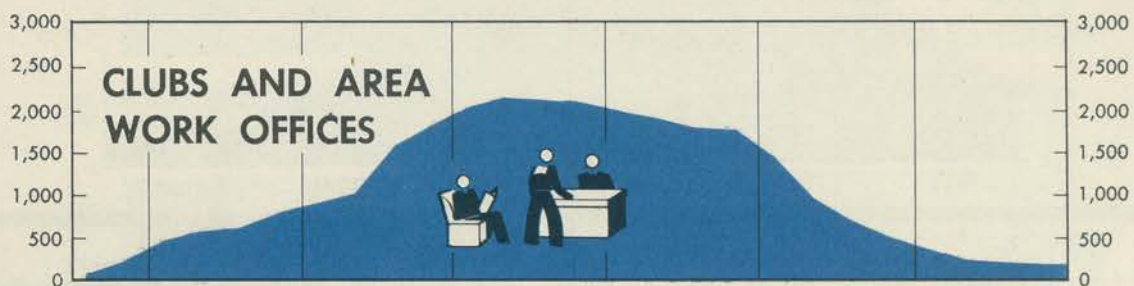
UNTIL JULY, 1943, many communities raising USO funds added to their quotas and withheld the cost of their own local services for military personnel. Thereafter work continuing under similar community auspices was financed in whole or in part by USO grants to chartered community committees.



COMMUNITY CONDUCTED OPERATIONS March 1944

Alabama	6	Maine	17	Oklahoma	18
Arizona	5	Maryland	15	Oregon	20
Arkansas	15	Massachusetts	65	Pennsylvania	83
California	142	Michigan	68	Rhode Island	9
Colorado	18	Minnesota	21	South Carolina	7
Connecticut	31	Mississippi	10	South Dakota	7
Delaware	1	Missouri	24	Tennessee	69
Dist. of Columbia	—	Montana	12	Texas	48
Florida	21	Nebraska	15	Utah	2
Georgia	20	Nevada	—	Vermont	9
Idaho	9	New Hampshire	4	Virginia	42
Illinois	48	New Jersey	65	Washington	19
Indiana	32	New Mexico	3	West Virginia	8
Iowa	20	New York	63	Wisconsin	16
Kansas	25	North Carolina	38	Wyoming	3
Kentucky	20	North Dakota	2		
Louisiana	6	Ohio	76	Total	1,277

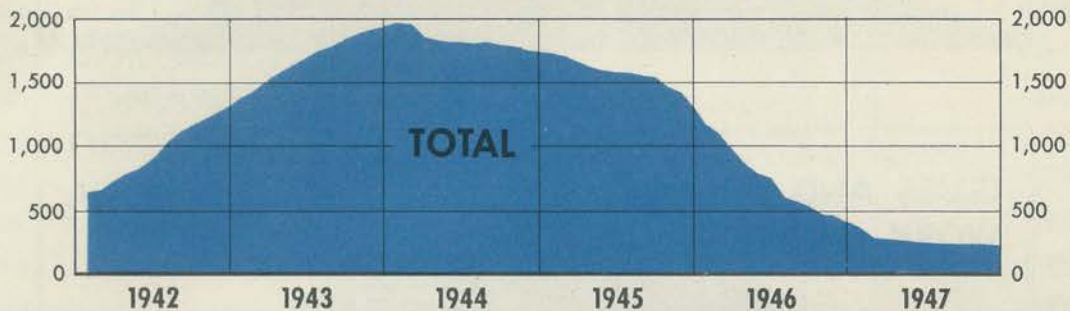
U S O OPERATIONS BY TYPE



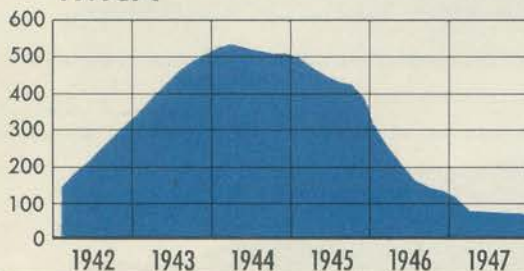
SIX FACTORS determined the designation of operations to Member Agencies:—

1. The religious affiliations and other characteristics of the soldiers or war workers to be served.
2. The availability of member agency personnel.
3. The character of the community.
4. The agencies, if any, operating in the community.
5. The adequacy of existing community facilities.
6. The acceptability of the assignment to the Member Agency.

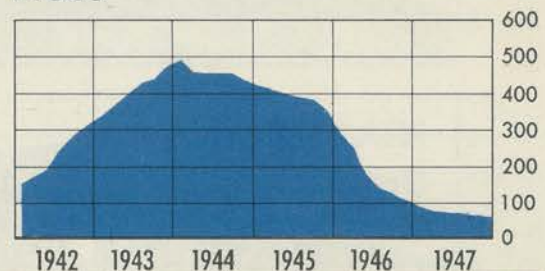
MEMBERS AGENCY DESIGNATED OPERATIONS



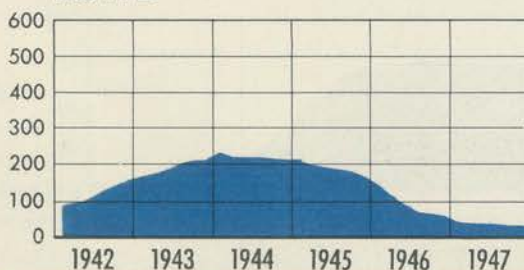
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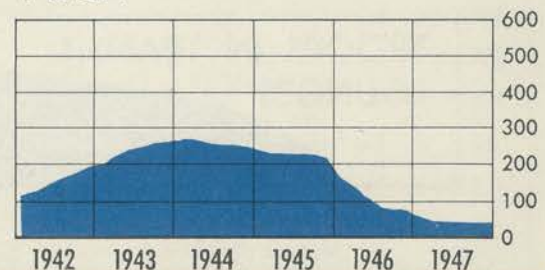
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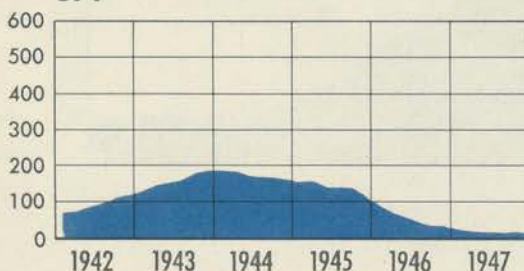
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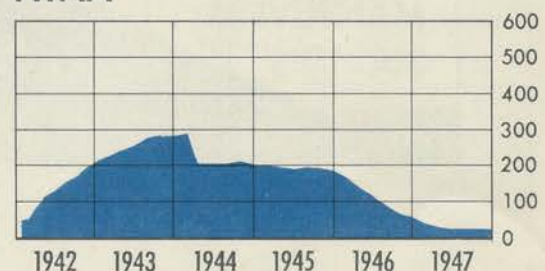
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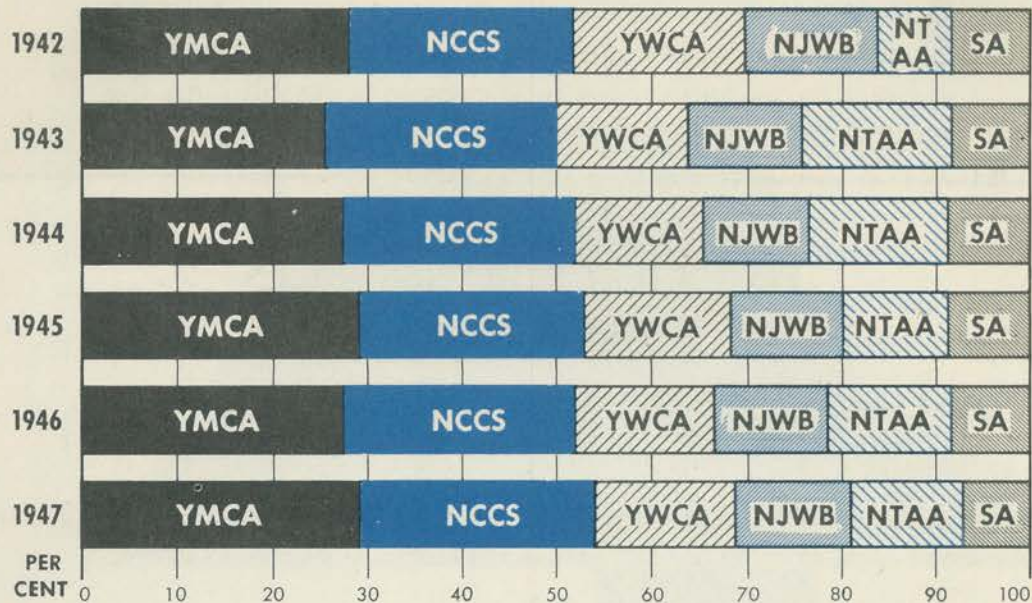


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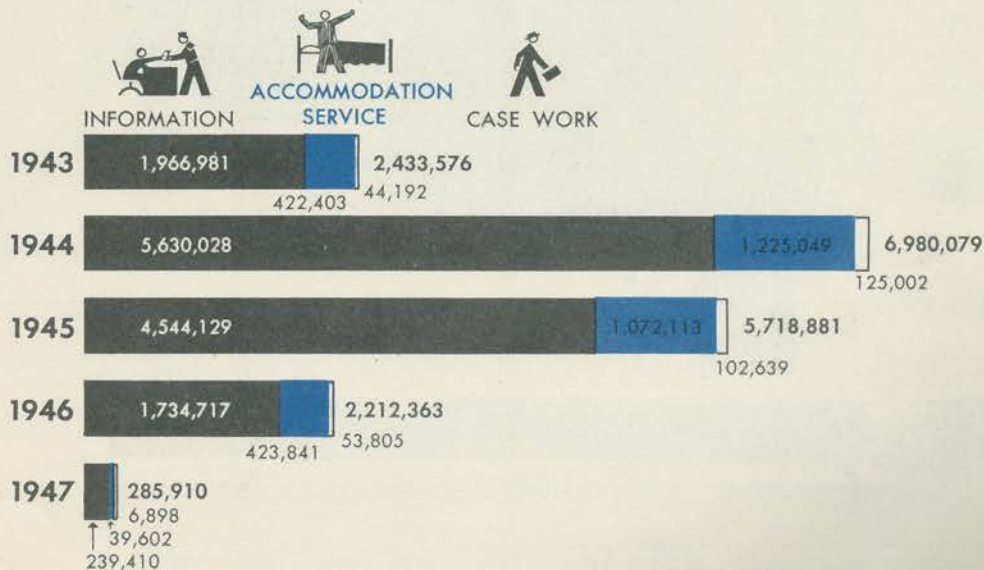
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBER AGENCY DESIGNATIONS

JANUARY 1942-1947



INFORMATION, CASE WORK & ACCOMMODATION SERVICES

By NTAA Service Units in Continental United States



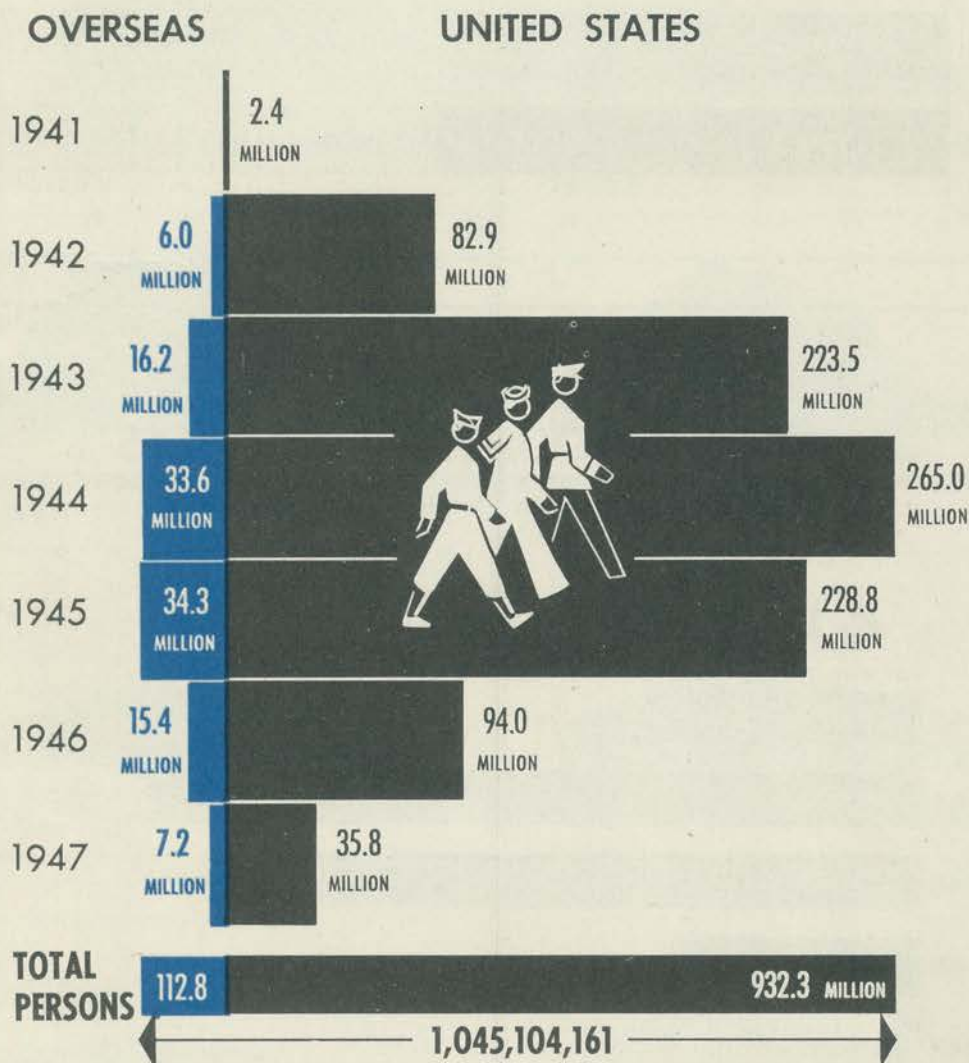
ALL ATTENDANCE AND SERVICE FIGURES are exclusive of:

- A. Community Conducted Operations
- B. Mobile and Maneuvers Services
- C. USO-Camp Shows

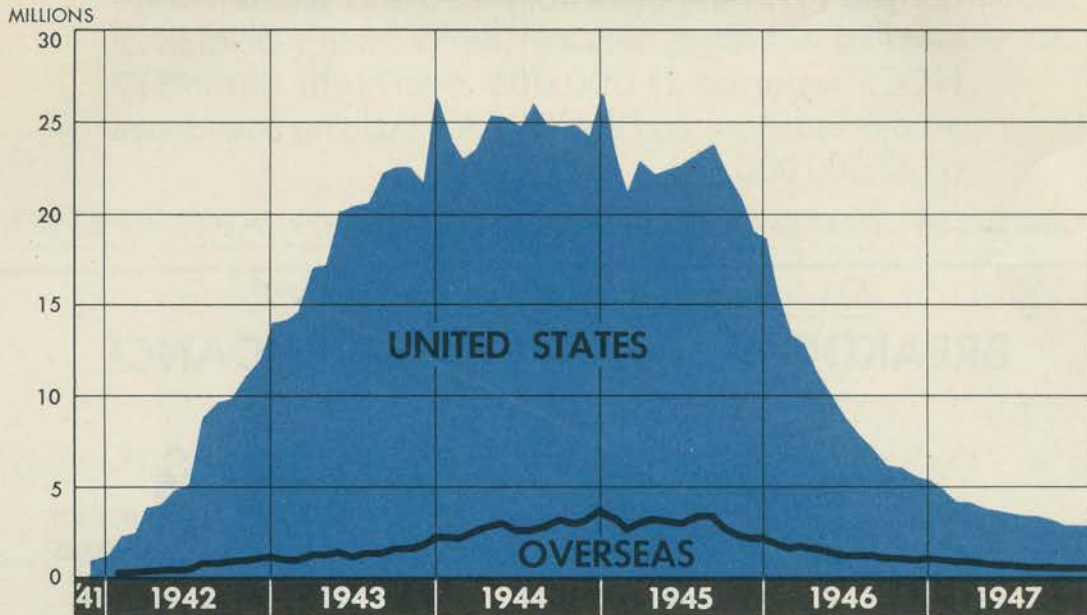
Both Mobile and Maneuvers services and USO-Camp Shows were conducted on-post and as such were subject to military security regulations prohibiting the compilation of records reflecting troop strength.

USE OF CLUB SERVICES

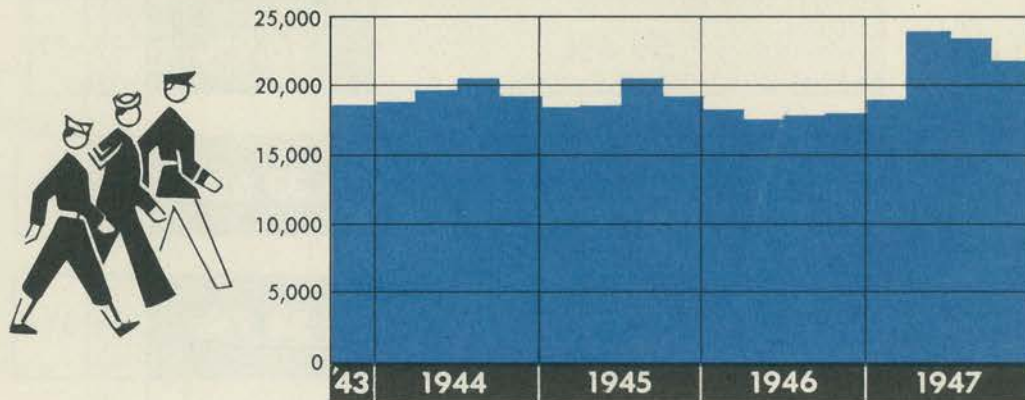
NOVEMBER 1941-DECEMBER 1947



MONTHLY ATTENDANCE



AVERAGE MONTHLY ATTENDANCE PER BUILDING

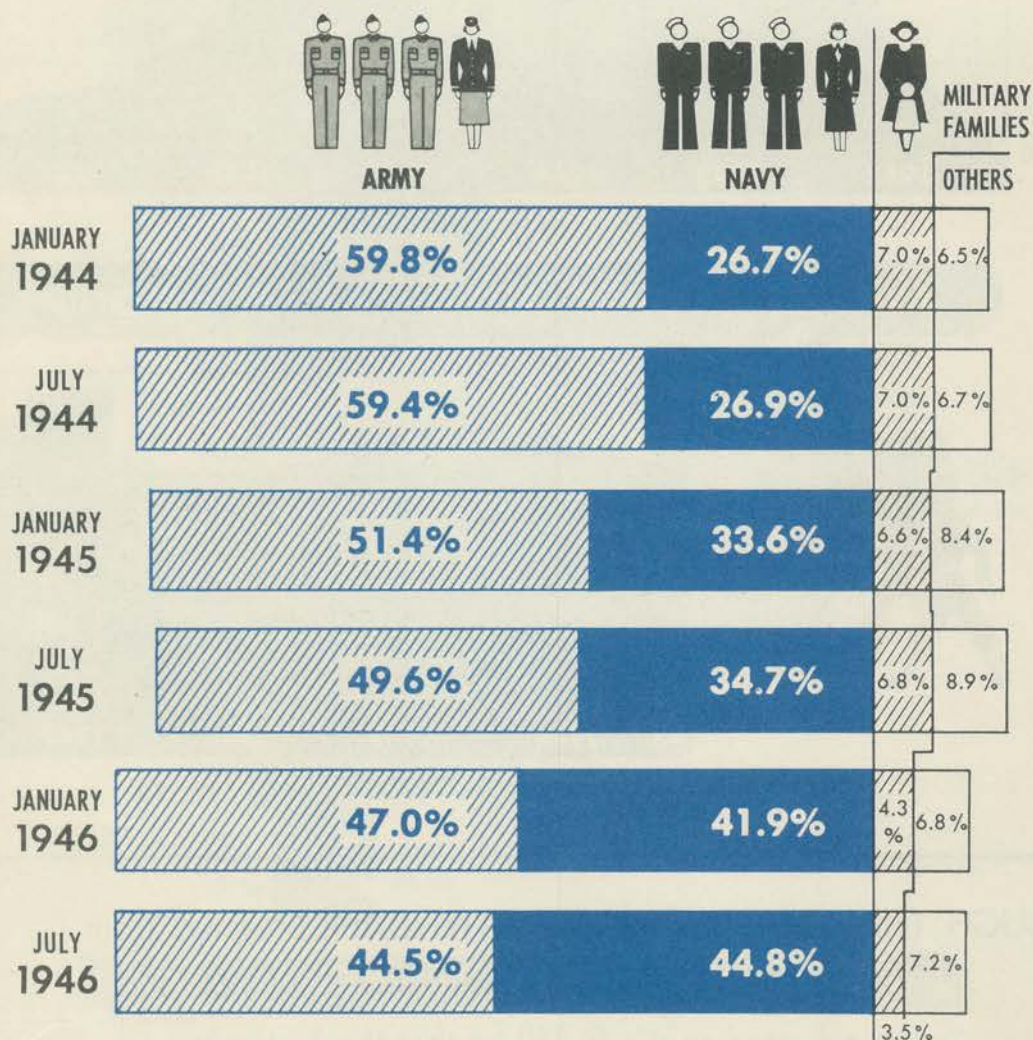


ALTHOUGH THE TOTAL MONTHLY ATTENDANCE varied from 3,000,000 to 25,000,000, the number of operations was adjusted continuously so that the load per building remained very nearly constant.

USO WELCOMED ALL MEN AND WOMEN in the Armed Forces of the United States and its Allies to all facilities.

For the first time in History 250,000 women were enrolled in military service. The Women's Division of NCCS reported 11,000,000 overnight dormitory accommodations and the YWCA a building attendance of 42,000,000.

BREAKDOWN OF U S O ATTENDANCE



IN DIRECT FURTHERANCE OF THE TOTAL WAR EFFORT, USO provided service in certain Governmentally designated communities overburdened by war industries.

Operations for war workers reached a peak of 231 in October, 1944. War workers constituted from four to six per cent of the total club attendance throughout 1945.

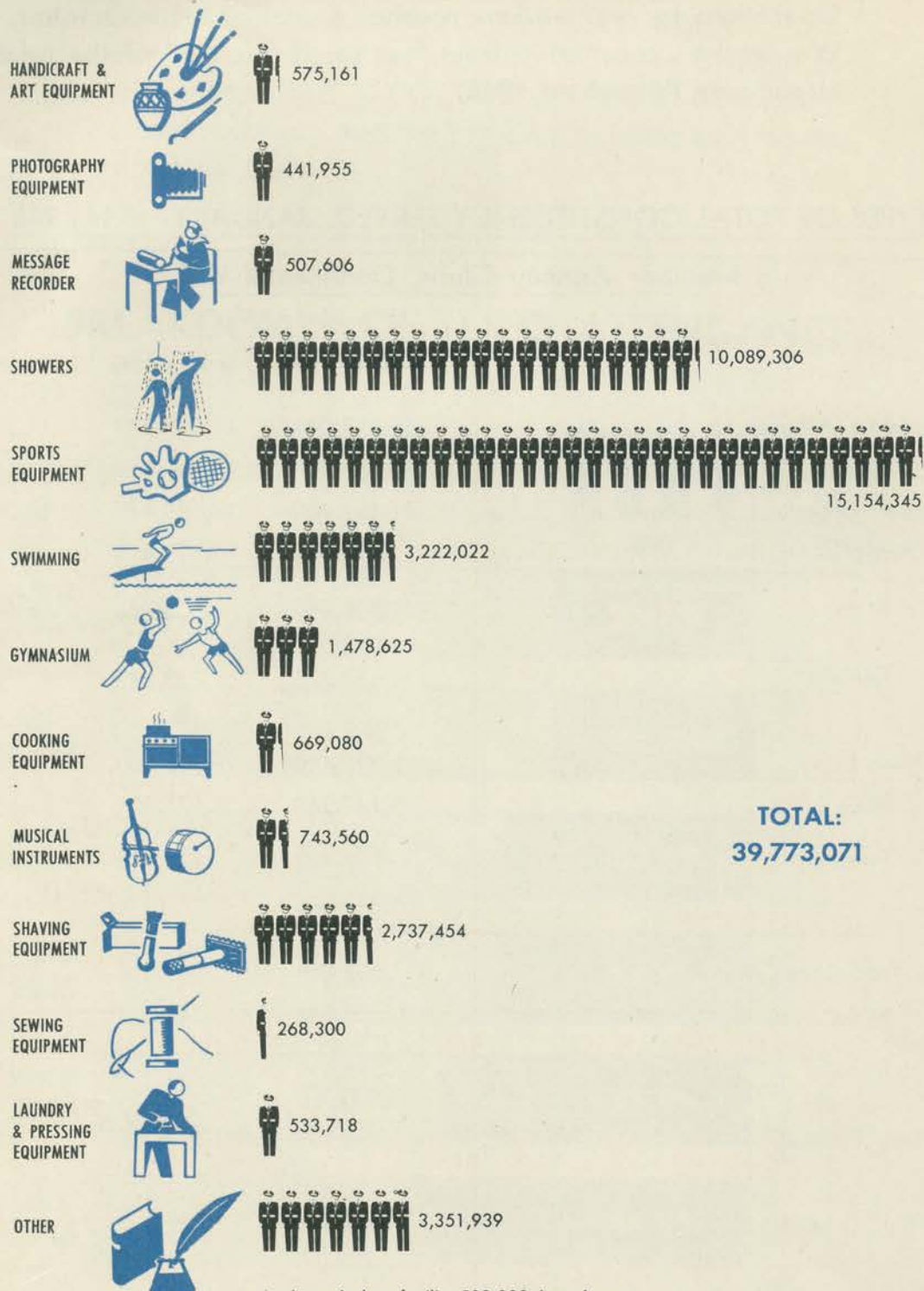
TYPES OF TOTAL CONSTITUENCY SERVED, JANUARY 1944-1946

In Member Agency Clubs, Continental U.S.

	<u>January 1944</u>	<u>January 1945</u>	<u>January 1946</u>
Total Building Attendance	19,892,047	17,083,232	11,311,473
I. Armed Forces	17,192,460	14,528,478	10,049,063
A. Army	11,892,972	8,779,813	5,312,231
Male	11,535,749	8,506,716	5,192,823
Female	357,223	273,097	119,408
B. Navy	5,299,488	5,748,665	4,736,832
Male	5,147,360	5,577,525	4,635,118
Female	152,128	171,140	101,714
II. War Production Workers	602,064	690,816	234,926
Male	303,446	340,821	116,747
Female	298,618	349,995	118,179
III. Military Families	1,398,799	1,124,202	487,735
V. Other	221,118	282,957	117,830
IV. Families of War Production Workers*	477,606	456,779	421,919

*Includes veterans, merchant seamen, inductees and cadet nurses.

USE OF SPECIAL FACILITIES 1944 ONLY

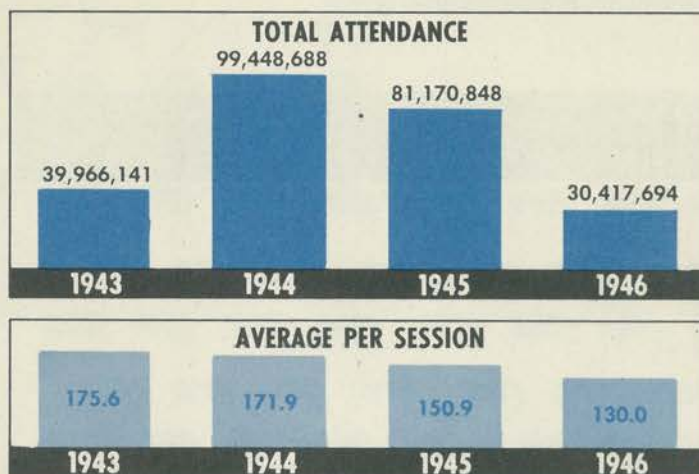
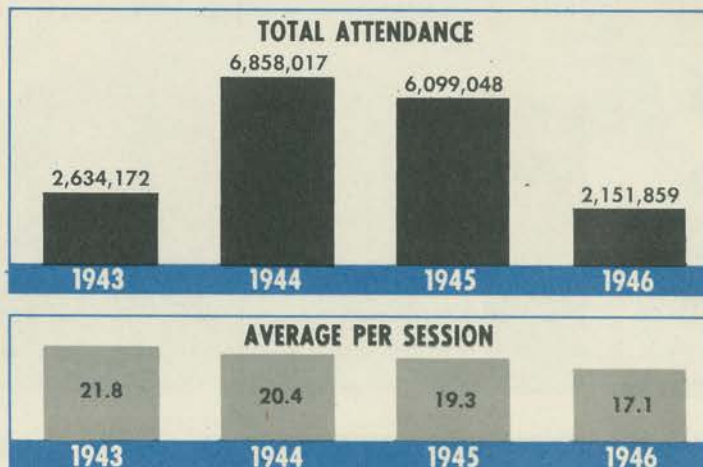


Each symbol = facility 500,000 times in use

ATTENDANCE AT REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES



**GROUPS WITH
DEFINITE
ENROLLMENT**



**GROUPS
WITHOUT
DEFINITE
ENROLLMENT**

PLANNING AND SCHEDULING GROUP ACTIVITIES were major USO services. They were of two types:

1. Groups organized on a continuing basis with a regular schedule and definite enrollment, having continuity of atmosphere, leadership, purpose and a nucleus of constant membership.
2. Groups planned and scheduled but without definite enrollment—single events, such as forums and lectures, social activities, dances and religious programs.

GROUP ACTIVITY- ATTENDANCE AND TYPE

REGULARLY SCHEDULED GROUPS WITHOUT DEFINITE ENROLLMENT

1944 ONLY

CONTINENTAL OVERSEAS



RELIGIOUS PROGRAM



HEALTH & ATHLETICS



SOCIAL



DANCES



GROUP SINGING



DRAMATICAL & MUSICAL PROGRAM



MOVIES

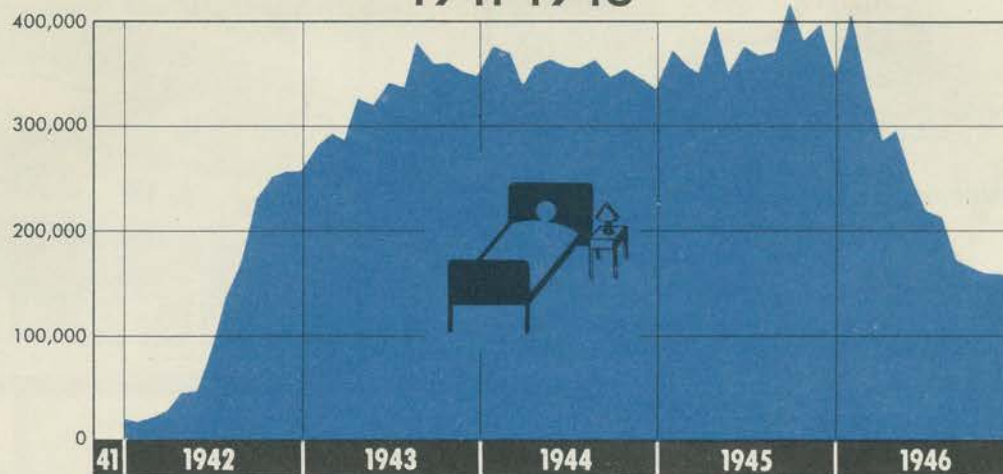


OTHERS



TOTAL CONTINENTAL . 91,545,732
TOTAL OVERSEAS . . 7,902,956
GRAND TOTAL . . . 99,448,688

BEDS USED OVERNIGHT IN USO FACILITIES 1941-1946



TOTAL PER YEAR

Each symbol represents 500,000 users

1941 23,113

1942 1,767,393

1943 4,027,995

1944 4,192,974

1945 4,460,939

1946 2,359,625

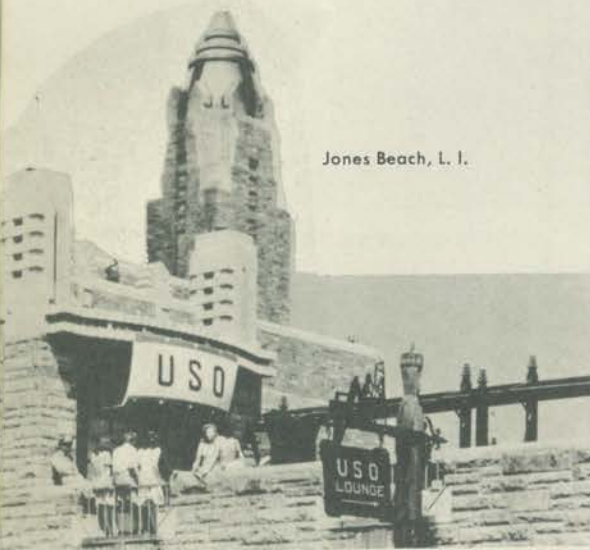
OVERNIGHT SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS provided in USO facilities although large in number, as reflected in the accompanying chart, were an incidental aspect of the total program and at no time considered a primary responsibility. However, USO was able, through community survey, card index and referral, to take care generally of service personnel and their families requiring temporary lodging in the community.



Ore type of Federal Recreation Bldg., Ravenna, Ohio



Honolulu store became Victory Club



Jones Beach, L. I.

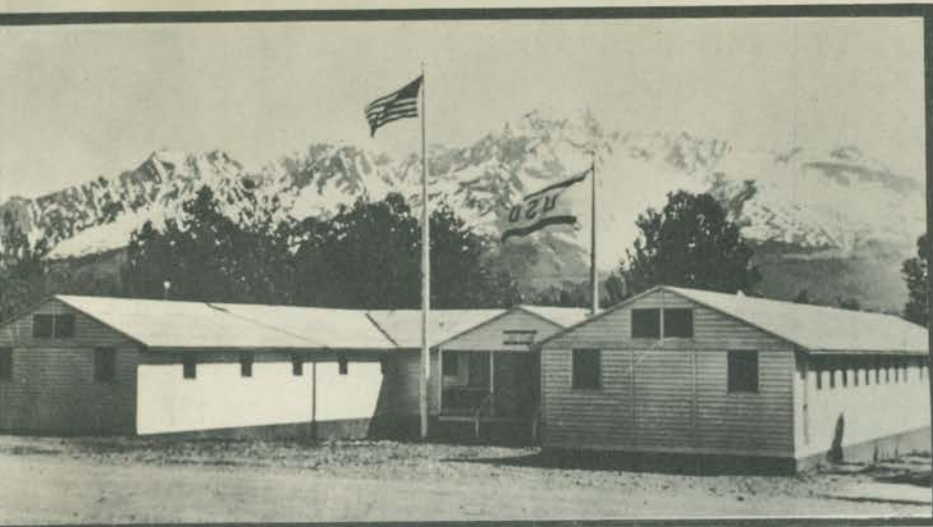


Salem, Ore., Church made into USO Club



Prince Rupert Club

USO units were housed in a variety of structures. There were Member Agency buildings, churches, town halls, grange halls, dance halls, stores, warehouses, basements, lofts, fraternal lodge halls, and private residences.



Seward, Alaska



← Church, Civil War Hospital became USO in Washington



Brick Type of Federal Recreation Building, Fayetteville, N. C.



Army and Navy YMCA, San Diego, Calif.



Monterey Park, Calif.

A total of 1,748 premises were leased, exclusive of Community Conducted Operations. 332 other buildings were either constructed or rented by the Federal Government and furnished to USO without cost.



USO was organized to serve "the religious, spiritual, welfare and educational needs of men and women in the armed forces and war industries"

Jewish Services

SYNAGOG
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Protestant Churches

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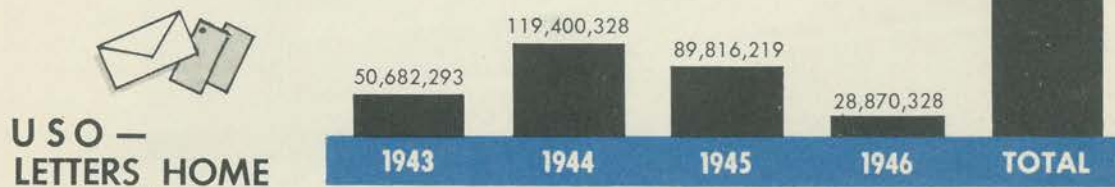
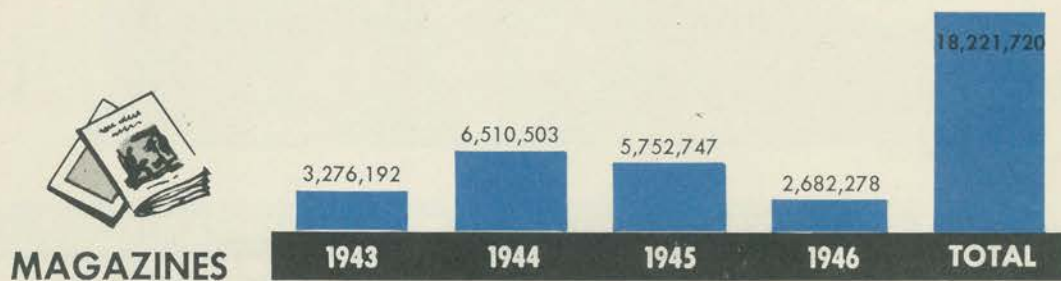
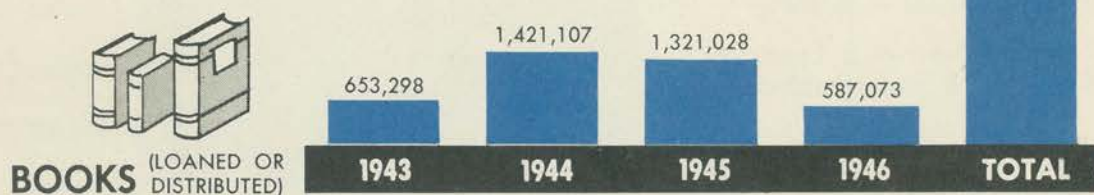
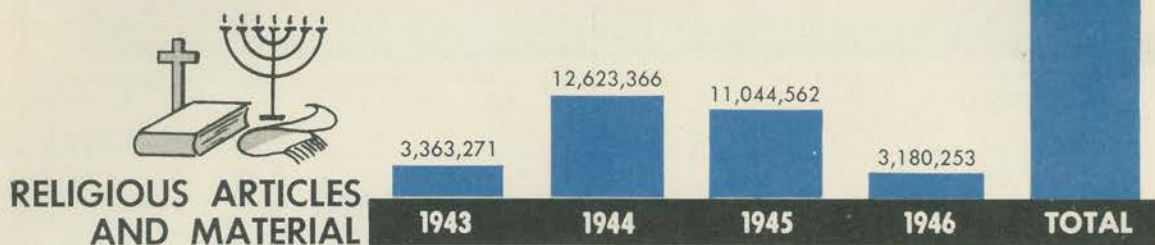
Catholic Churches

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• IN BLOCKS EAST FROM THIS CLUB



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USO PERSONNEL REACHED ITS PEAK IN JULY 1944. At that time there were engaged in USO activity 675,000 individuals, of whom 16,009 were employed — ratio of 41 volunteers for each paid employee.

Personnel at the Peak — July 1944

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Cent of Total</u>
<u>In Local Operations</u>		
(U.S. & Overseas)		
Professional	2,872	17.9
Other Paid	9,393	58.7
<u>In Headquarters Offices</u>		
(USO & National Agencies)		
Administrative & Executive	205	1.3
Clerical & Stenographic	651	4.1
<u>In Regional Offices</u>		
(USO & National Agencies)		
Administrative & Executive	230	1.4
Clerical & Stenographic	212	1.3
 TOTALS		
Professional, Administrative, Executive	3,307	20.6
Clerical and Maintenance, Club Operations	10,256	64.1
Personnel, Community Conducted Operations.....	973	6.1
Camp Shows Personnel and Entertainers	1,473	9.2
 GRAND TOTAL	16,009	100.0%

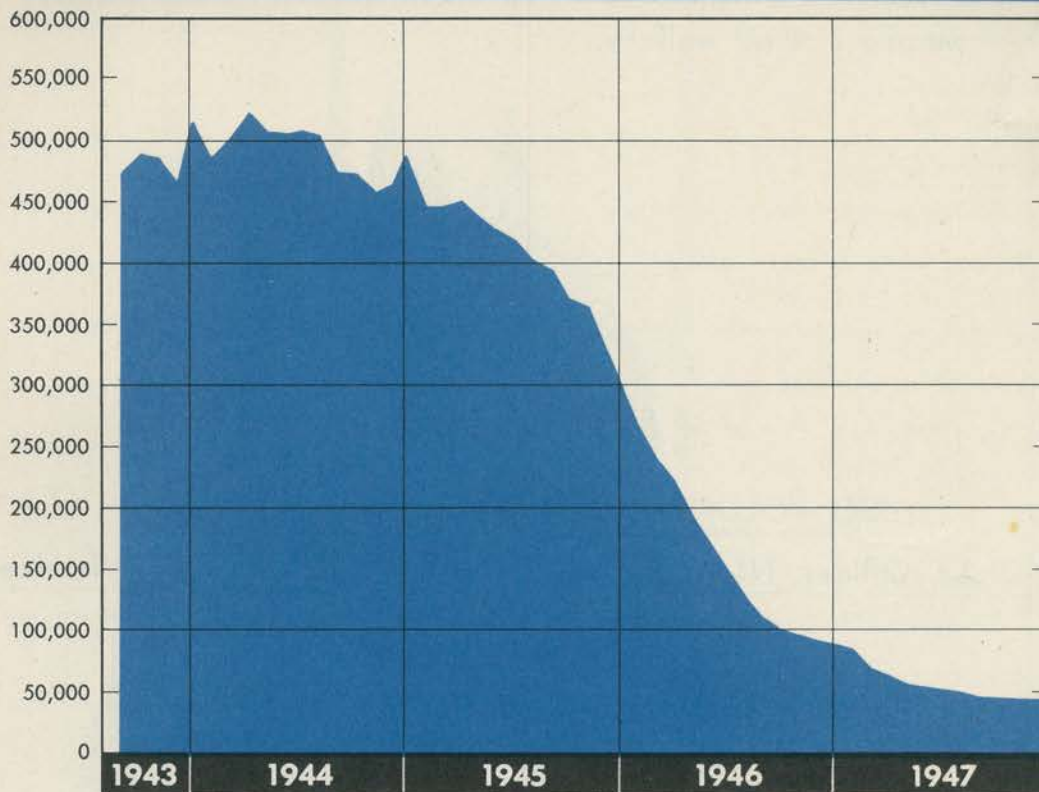
Occupational Background of Professional Workers Employed in Member Agency
Local Unit Operations Between 1941 and 1946

Teaching (Incl. Religious Ed. and Physical Education)	1,753
Recreation and Group Work	932
Social Work	920
Business	410
Secretarial	161
Clergy and Religious Work	102
Civil Service	102
Law	66
Newspaper Work, Writing and Publishing	39
Personnel	36
Miscellaneous (Includes 25 Occupations)	201
	<hr/> 4,722

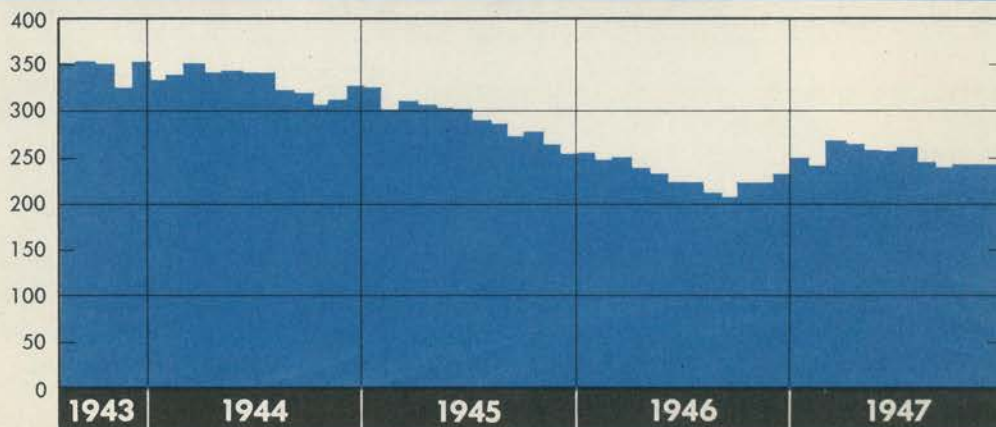
USO VOLUNTEERS

AUGUST, 1943 TO DECEMBER, 1947
CONTINENTAL U.S. AND OVERSEAS

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS



AVERAGE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS PER OPERATION



USO WAS A PRINCIPAL CHANNEL through which a million and a half volunteers participated in a total war. They were USO. They raised the money which made the vast operation possible. They made it a "Home Away from Home" in 1416 cities and towns of the United States and overseas. They brought to every member of the armed forces an intimate, compelling knowledge of the concern of the American people in their welfare.

USO VOLUNTEERS BY TYPES, MARCH 1944

In Clubs, Offices, NTAA Service Units, Lounges and Area Services
Continental U.S. and Overseas

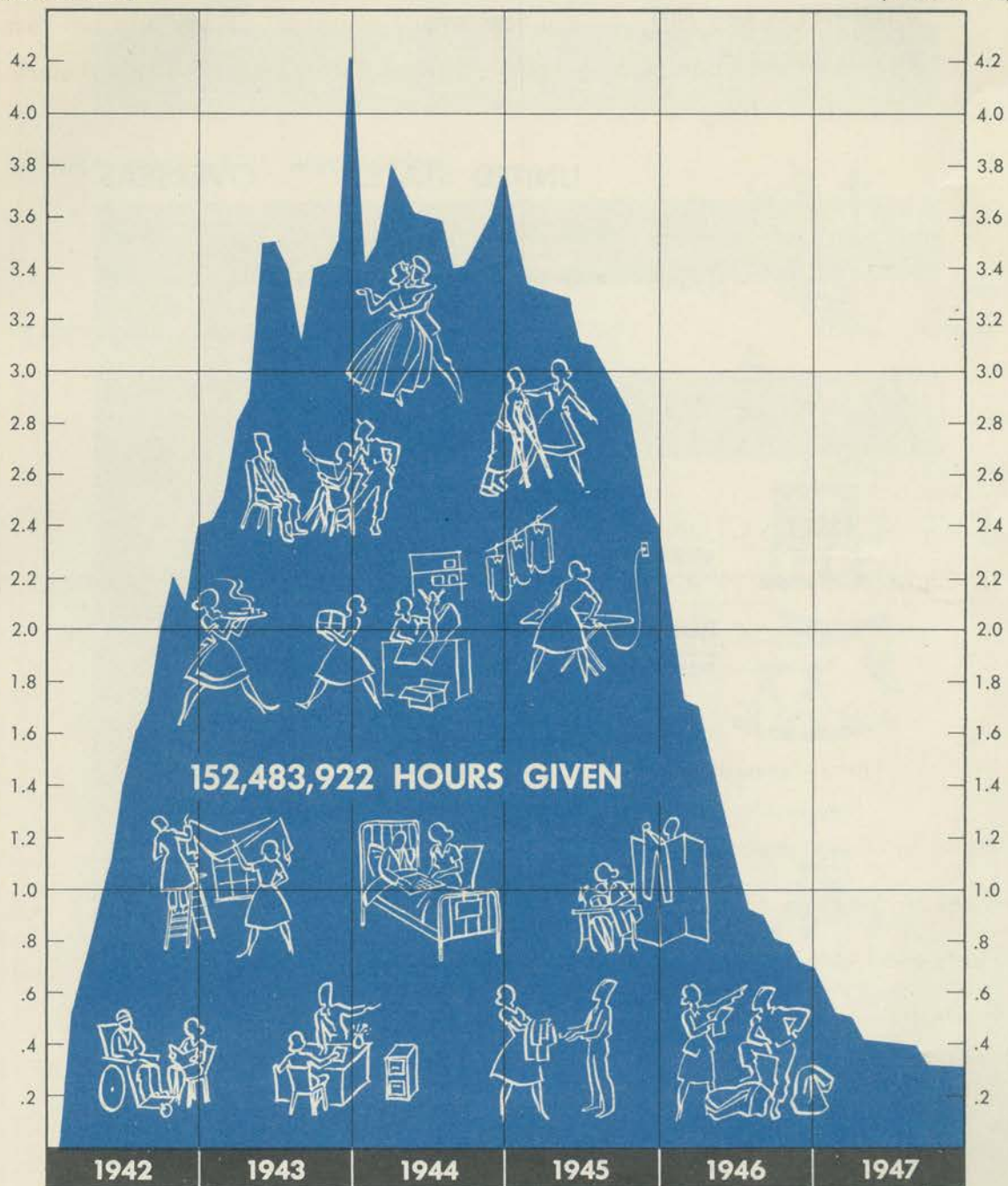
<u>Types of Volunteers</u>	<u>Continental United States</u>	<u>Overseas</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Cent</u>
USO Council and Committee Members.....	33,404	994	34,398	6.5%
Program Leaders and Assistants.....	24,966	541	25,507	4.8
Senior Hosts and Hostesses, Information Aids, etc.	114,391	3,158	117,549	22.3
Junior Hostesses and Other Participants in Social Activities	311,343	19,912	331,255	62.9
Other	17,411	745	18,156	3.5
	<u>501,515</u>	<u>25,350</u>	<u>526,865</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Total hours of service March, 1944—3,800,550 (excluding hours of service for Council and Committee Members)
 SOURCE: Monthly statistics of USO Operations and Services.

VOLUNTEER HOURS GIVEN*

(IN MILLIONS)

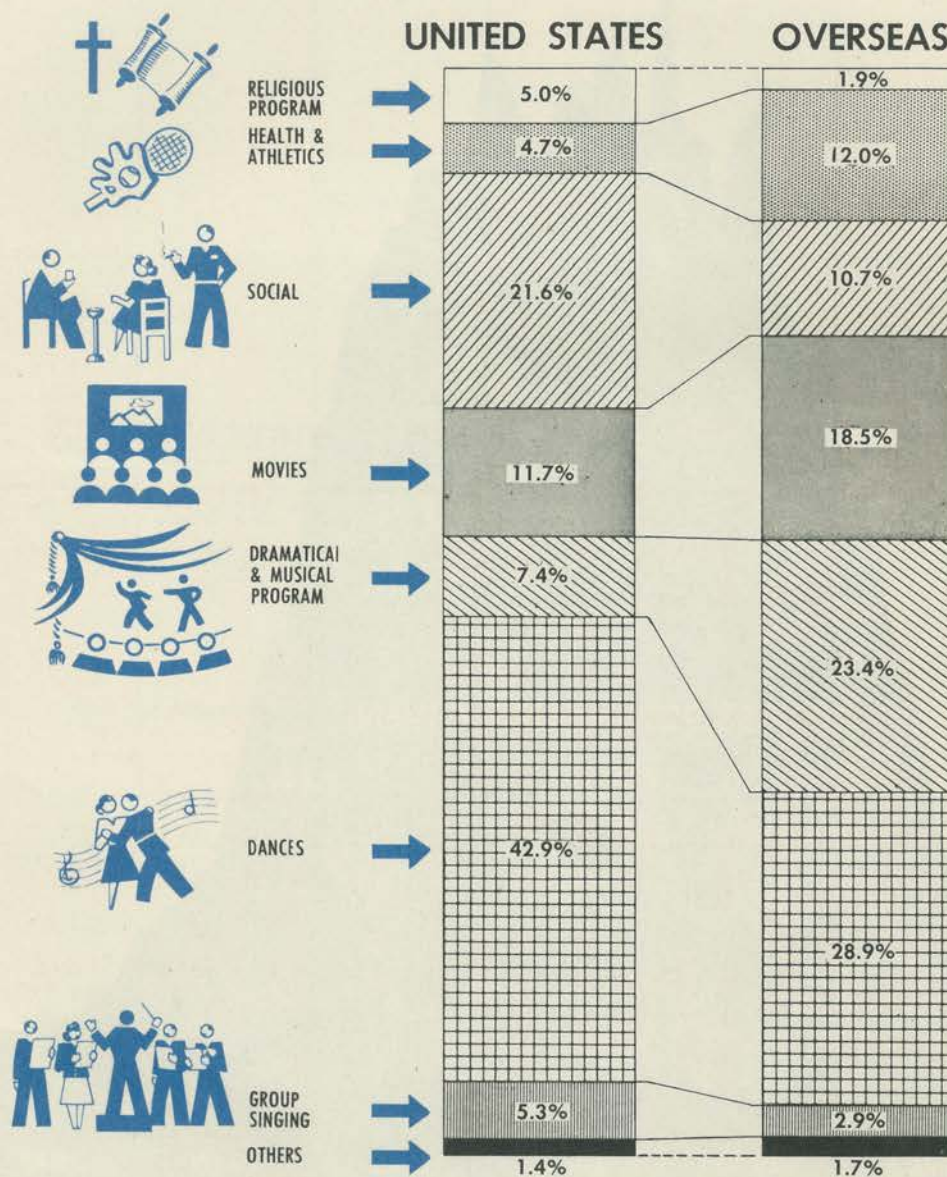
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*Volunteer hours exclude hours for council and committee members

SOLDIERS' INTERESTS, DOMESTIC AND OVERSEAS 1944 ONLY

ATTENDANCE OF REGULARLY
SCHEDULED GROUPS WITHOUT
DEFINITE ENROLLMENT



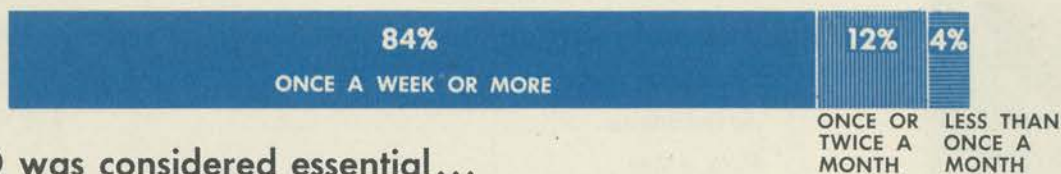
WHAT SERVICE MEN THOUGHT OF USO

A STUDY BY THE RESEARCH BRANCH OF THE SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION
OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT

Most of the Army in the United States went to USO clubs...



Those who went, went often...



USO was considered essential...



THE TEN ACTIVITIES ENJOYED MOST by those questioned, listed in the order of their preference, were:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Dancing | Relaxing |
| Meeting people | Playing games |
| Writing letters | Obtaining food and refreshments |
| Listening to music | The atmosphere |
| Reading, using library, or studying | Social contact with girls |

FACILITIES THEY CONSIDERED MOST IMPORTANT, also listed in the order of their preference, were:

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Letter-writing facilities | Ping-pong tables |
| Snack bar | Phonograph |
| Radio | Pool tables |
| Information service | Checking facilities |
| Library | Table games: chess, checkers, etc. |
| Showers | Musical instruments |
| Sleeping facilities | |



CAMP SHOWS BEGAN IN 1941 with seven trucks. At its peak immediately following VE Day, its curtain rose 700 times a day and in every corner of the world.

Camp-Shows Statistics

FROM INCEPTION TO DECEMBER 31, 1947

I. UNITED STATES AND OVERSEAS

All Classes of Entertainment:

Performances given	428,521
Separate visits made	258,322
Attendance	212,974,401
Play dates	246,665

II. UNITED STATES ONLY

1. All Classes of Entertainment:

Performances given	174,871
Separate visits made	80,714
Attendance	82,656,400
Play dates	94,397

2. Victory Circuit:

Number of Theater Performances given	44,486
Number of play dates	30,563
Number of Army Camps & Naval Stations Visited	375
Attendance at Theater Performances	42,187,757
Number of Hospital Performances	4,564
Attendance at Hospital Performances	1,333,696
Separate visits made	22,501

3. Hospital Circuits:

Auditorium and Ward Performances	62,060
Play Dates	19,754
Attendance	8,906,633
Separate visits made in hospitals	14,885

4. Blue Circuit:

Estimated Performances	56,400
Separate visits made	33,840
Playing weeks	5,536
Estimated Attendance	19,740,000
Play dates	33,336

5. Number of Units on Hospital Circuit at close of period

20

6. Number of Entertainers on Hospital Circuit at close of Period

266



7. Volunteer Performance (Spot Shows):

Number of performances	7,360
Recorded Attendance	9,964,696
Separate visits made	7,295
Play dates	7,274

8. Volunteer Personality Performances:

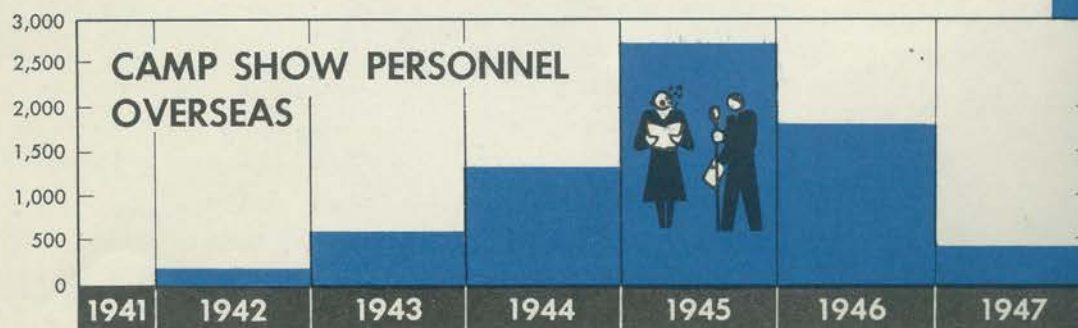
Number of personalities	730
Number of separate tours	1,406
Recorded Attendance	523,619
Play dates	3,470
Separate visits made	1,298

9. Hospital Sketching Program:

Number of Artists	584
Number of work weeks sketching service	1,691
Number of separate hospitals visited	857

III. OVERSEAS ONLY

Number of Entertainers sent during period	7,336
Number of salaried entertainers	7,031
Number of Guest Artists	305
Number of separate units sent during period	908
Variety	574
Concert	84
Legitimate play units	86
Sports units	34
Large Musicals	30
All Negro units	33
Sketching Artists units	39
Name band units	12
All Girl Units for participation in G.I. Shows....	16
Unit weeks of entertainment furnished	25,354
Man weeks of entertainment furnished	180,713
Separate visits made	177,478
Play dates	152,124
Estimated Attendance	130,196,501
Estimated number of performances	253,410
Number of units overseas at close of period	3
Number of entertainers overseas at close of period	32



THE WORLD WAS THE STAGE FOR USO CAMP SHOWS



428,521 PERFORMANCES



THE AREAS IN COLOR ARE THOSE IN WHICH PERFORMANCES WERE GIVEN

USO GRANTS TO AFFILIATED AGENCIES

In furtherance of the general aim and purpose of USO, funds were provided in certain instances, and at the Government's request, to organizations other than member agencies.

American Social Hygiene Association, Inc. — \$1,138,000

The American Social Hygiene Association, Inc., in its defense and war program reported activities along the following lines:

1. Legal and protective — for the reduction of prostitution and allied conditions.
2. Educational activities for the Army and Navy and War Workers.
3. Activities in direct aid of the prevention of venereal disease.

Millions of men and women in the Army and Navy and the war industries received important health and welfare information from the Association through distribution of the following material:

	<u>Pamphlets</u>	<u>Posters and Exhibits</u>	<u>Journal of Social Hygiene</u>	<u>Social Hygiene News</u>	<u>Films</u>
1941	1,341,243	27,848	154,000	401
1942	1,512,286	14,451	19,627	148,218	644
1943	3,189,228	29,689	27,944	171,671	556
1944	1,764,966	203,463	29,436	221,633	464
1945	1,863,456	14,292	27,227	222,814	240
1946	1,480,843	18,384	31,164	209,967	88
1947*	637,705	18,256	20,259	118,700	150
Total	11,789,727	298,535	183,505	1,247,003	2,543
(*Through October)					

The Association in reporting on its seven years activities stated "the venereal rate in World War II was kept down to the lowest point in all-time American military history."

Foreign Grants to Overseas Affiliates of USO Member Agencies — \$386,096.82

By special agreement with the Federal Security Agency, the Army and the Navy, USO was authorized under certain conditions to transmit funds through the Secretary of State to overseas affiliates of its member agencies rendering direct services to American troops abroad.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Chunking, China	YMCA	\$292,699.06
Istanbul, Turkey	YWCA and YMCA	13,504.13
Cairo, Egypt	YMCA	7,883.37
England	NJWB	27,394.52
Pacific War Area	NJWB	7,550.03
Paris	NJWB	10,800.03
Germany and France	NJWB	23,681.00
Canal Zone — Panama	NJWB	2,584.68
TOTAL GRANTS		\$386,096.82

The Victory Book Campaign — \$100,000

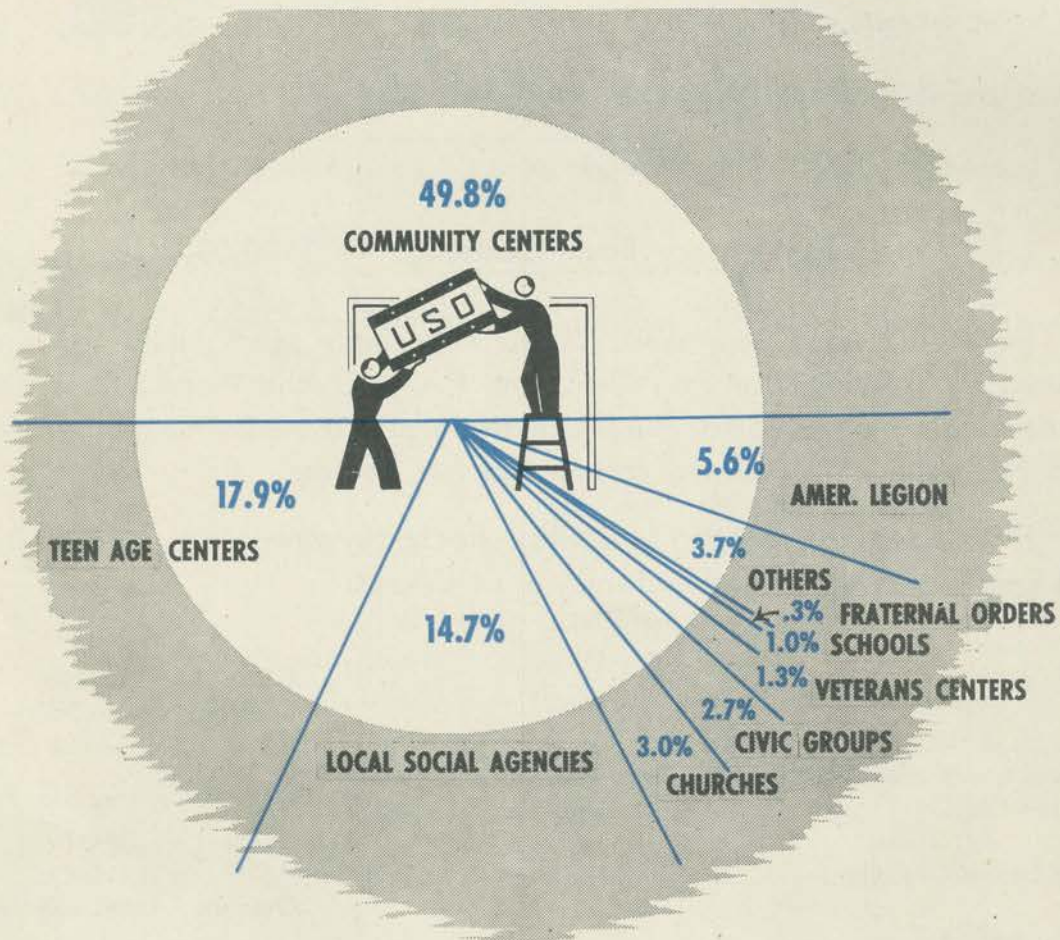
Initiated by the American Library Association and jointly sponsored and financed by the American Red Cross and the USO, the Victory Book Campaign met an emergency need for reading material until more permanent arrangements could be made in the armed forces and war centers.

From a total of 18,449,974 books collected in a two-year period, 10,290,713 were carefully selected and distributed, as follows:

Army	U.S. 4,463,086)	5,829,367
	Overseas 1,366,281)	
Navy		1,701,019
American Merchant Marine Library Association		652,927
American Red Cross	U.S. 98,302)	342,311
	Overseas 244,009)	
United Service Organizations	U.S. 1,114,396)	1,187,506
	Overseas 43,110)	
War Prisoner's Aid		45,051
Industrial Areas		376,141
War Relocation Centers		118,275
Miscellaneous		38,116
		10,290,713

ONE OF THE MOST SATISFYING BY-PRODUCTS OF USO is represented by the 451 USO operations which were converted to permanent community service following their termination. Less tangible by-products were improved race relations, inter-faith cooperation, and the awakening of many communities to their civic needs.

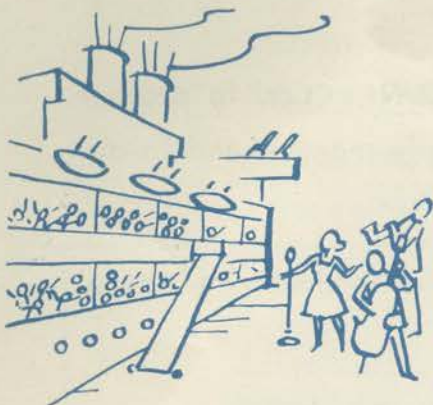
USO SERVICE AND FACILITIES CONVERTED TO PEACETIME COMMUNITY USE



THE TERMINATION OF USO

1. All USO operations ceased December 31, 1947.
2. The corporation, however, will continue for an indefinite period to protect the USO name, to complete its liquidation in an orderly manner, and to discharge its obligations.
3. The corporate structure will be greatly simplified at the forthcoming Annual Meeting February 4th, as follows:
 - A. The members of the corporation will be reduced from 60 to 6, one representing each of the Member Agencies.
 - B. The number of Directors will be reduced from 50 to 12.
 - C. The offices of Honorary Chairman, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Vice Chairman of the Board, and six Vice-Presidents will be abolished. The Executive Committee will also be abolished.
 - D. The President will remain as the chief executive officer, but there will be an Executive Vice-President to carry out the details of liquidation.
 - E. The staff will be reduced to the vanishing point as rapidly as circumstances permit.
4. USO Camp Shows terminated December 31, 1947. A new enterprise known as Veterans Hospital Camp Shows, Inc. has been created to carry on a program of live entertainment in veterans hospitals indefinitely.
5. The USO has undertaken certain commitments, as reflected in the financial statements on pages 2-5, which will make possible the carrying forward into 1948 of a considerable measure of service to the armed forces under the auspices of Member Agencies and Veterans Hospital Camp Shows, Inc. The military need for some measure of future service is very real and USO has, fortunately, been able to prevent an otherwise inescapable lapse in service and to assure at least a partial meeting of a patent need.

USO HAD ITS DRAMATIC MOMENTS



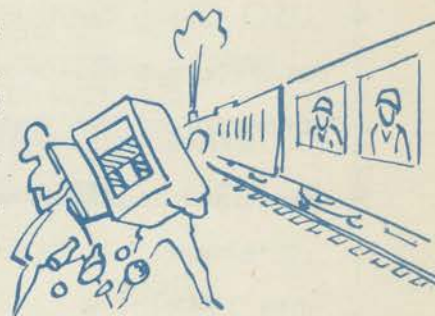
In the Panama Canal Zone following VE Day, club operations ran 24 hours around the clock, with dances, movies, shows and canteen service never ending, day and night, to provide a brief respite for the fighting personnel re-deploying from the battlefields of Europe to the new fronts of the Pacific.

From sunrise to sunset San Jose, California, completed the needed USO club, with every union craft contributing labor and building contractors donating the necessary material. Servicemen dedicated it with a dance that night.



Nine USO Camp Shows entertainers disappeared in an Army plane between Ilo Ilo and Sabu February, 1946 — bringing to 37 the number of USO Camp Shows "soldiers in greasepaint" who met death in line of service.

In one single day Sayre, Pennsylvania — total population 7500 — fed 30,000 troops in transit. The USO Committee was notified to expect three troop trains. All of the men were fed. Three more troop trains arrived without notice. Again all were fed — leaving the town, homes and shops alike, stripped of food. At 4 a.m. the seventh train arrived!



On a remote Hawaiian beach, three clubs were completed, equipped and staffed within three weeks to greet the battle-torn Marines returning from their assault on Iwo Jima.

THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES



Acknowledgement

USO HAS NOT CARRIED ON ALONE. It has enjoyed the partnership of the War Department and the Navy Department, the Federal Security Administration, the Red Cross, the President's War Relief Control Board, the National War Fund, the Community Chests, millions of contributors and volunteers, and the communities in which it has worked. Grateful acknowledgment is hereby recorded.

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December 31, 1947

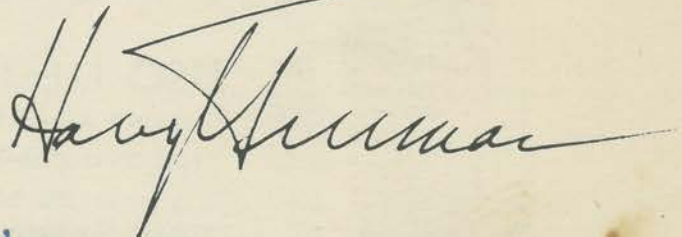
Dear Mr. Kimball:

Seven years ago the President, acting on behalf of the people of the United States, instructed the Federal Security Agency to enter into an agreement with the United Service Organizations, Inc., a membership corporation composed of the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Salvation Army, the National Catholic Community Service, the National Jewish Welfare Board and the National Travelers Aid Association. By the terms of its contract with the Federal Government, the USO was charged with the wartime responsibility of "fostering and furthering the religious, spiritual, welfare, educational and recreational needs of the men and women in the armed forces and defense industries of the United States."

The USO has now fulfilled its commitment and discharged its wartime responsibility completely and with signal distinction. It therefore becomes my privilege to award an honorable discharge to the organization, to its member agencies, to the Camp Shows affiliate, to the million and a half volunteers, and to the thousands of devoted staff members.

The service performed -- through the billions of personal services to the men and women in uniform, through the raising and efficient expenditure of many millions of dollars, through the whole-souled cooperation of great national agencies and of the three great faiths -- has been of inestimable value to the nation. On behalf of the nation, I transmit my deepest appreciation.

Very sincerely yours,



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