

Home Front Defense



During World War II, massive numbers of American civilians volunteered for wartime duties, augmenting the work of the armed services branches. Among the largest such efforts was the Civil Air Defense, the forerunner of today's Civil Air Patrol. Five-and-a-half million men and women stepped forward to render service in tracking and identifying aircraft, patrolling coastal waters, and similar duties. In this April 15,

1943, photo, women volunteers at the CAD filter center at Patriot Hall in Los Angeles chart and record the flights of various aircraft.