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BRITAIN'S BIGGEST SALVAGE SWEEP BEGINS

The 23 Counties new national salvage campaign which Sir Andrew Duncan, Minister of Supply, foreshadowed in a recent speech, begins this weekend. It is designed to be the most intensive salvage sweep ever attempted in this country. "It is an offensive to clear out every scrap of waste material that is good for salvage", stated the Ministry of Supply to-day. More waste paper, metal, bones, rags, scrap rubber and kitchen waste are needed, and more books too, for the Forces, for re-stocking blitzed libraries and for re-pulping.

Twenty-three counties, each conducting 14-day drives will take part during the course of the year. Operations will include six Welsh counties and will then be extended to Monmouthshire, Gloucestershire, and Somerset. Early in June the campaign will go on to Middlesex and to the Metropolitan area itself, when London will be divided into two sections, East and West.

From London the offensive will move to other fronts: first, to the east coast through East Anglia to Northumberland and Durham; and then in a south-westerly direction to include Yorkshire and Lancashire.

The last "shots" will be fired in Sussex, Herefordshire and Montgomery in October.

Essex is the first county to go "over the top", and every town and rural area is contributing to the campaign.

The Mayor of East Ham, Mrs. D. Wilkens, J.P., who is suffering from a broken ankle, has insisted on being present at this weekend's inaugural ceremony of East Ham's Drive, and she will open it from a bath-chair.

At Chingford, banners to be carried in a procession, have been created by local Civil Defence artists. Other banners include a set in hand-finished linen, worked by the staff and scholars of Wellington Avenue School, and insured for £200. These banners will be installed after the war in Chingford's new Town Hall.

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