

## Spaatz Orders Reorganizing Of Air Forces

3 Major Commands Included In Plan

Washington, March 2.—A sweeping reorganization of the Army Air Forces, dividing its combatant striking power into three major commands, Strategic, Tactical and Continental Defense, has been ordered by General Carl A. Spatz, new commanding general of the Air Forces, and is expected to be announced within

General George Kenney, who was General MacArthur's air commander in the Southwest Pacific, draws the top assignment as head of the Strategic Air Command, with responsibility for the deployment and operation of the very heavy-bomber and very long-range fighter groups.

Maj, Gen. E. R. "Pete" Quesada, formerly top commander of a tactical air command under the Ninth Air Force in the battle against Germany, will have overall charge of the Tactical Air Groups, which will Include fighters, fighter bombers, medium and light hombers, and troppearing

The Continental Defense Command will be charged with defense of the United States, and continuous continuous and continuous continuo

The peacetime program of the Air Forces, organization of which has not yet been authorized by Congress, contemplates a total of 70 air groups with 8.200 operational planes, plus 6,000 planes in the air Reserve and National Guard, and manned by 401,035 officers and men, about twice the size of the entire prewar United

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This force will include 25 very heavy-bomber groups, 20 fighter groups, 10 transport and troop-carrier groups and five reconcarrier groups and five recon-

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