Social News and Events of Cambridge

ARMY ALTERS TRAINING PLAN FOR AFTER '47

The post 1947 universal military training program sought by the War Department, outlined in San Francisco today by Robert P. Patterson, Secretary of War, before the American Legion, introduces important changes from the plan proposed to Congress a year ago and stiffed in the House Military Affairs Committee.

The main alteration is in the term of service. Instead of seeking a full year of consecutive service for all youths, as formerly proposed, the new plan seeks an initial period of six months' training; the remaining six months would be either spent in continued training in the camps, or replaced by the individuals' choice of several alternatives.

These alternatives are designed to provide a more prolonged period of instruction, but one so diluted as to permit the youths to proceed concurrently with their education or business.

Outstanding points in the new proposal are these:

1. Every youth would register on his seventeenth birthday (at the outset all youths between 17 and 20 would register).

2. Training would begin either when the boy becomes 18 or when he completes high school or its equivalent.

3. Nobody physically able to begin training would be exempt. Conscientious objectors would be trained in non-combatant service. Illiterates would be sent to special schools for instruction. Dependency cases would be cared for by benefit payments in special cases of hardship.

4. Nobody in training would be available for combat duty or any other army operations, save by later act of Congress.

5. Trainees would not be subject to the Articles of War, but to a special code adapted to their youth and circumstances.

PRICE SUPPORT FOR POTATOES

Only farmers who stay within their individual farm goals for white potato acreage in 1947 will be eligible for Government price support purchase of excess production, if the market demand fails to assure them of an outlet for their output, Joseph H. Blandford, chairman, State production and marketing administration said yesterday.

Because of the excess production of early white potatoes this year the Government expended in Maryland $832,652.76 to support prics Mr. Blandford said.

The sum reached such proportions, he explained, as the result of a combination of good growing weather and the planting of acreages larger than the goals recommended for early white potatoes.

Meanwhile, it was revealed, purchase of sweet potatoes under the price-support program will be made from the Salisbury office of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration up to November 15.

Support is at $1.20 a bushel for U. S. No. 1 sweet potatoes, $1.45 for U. S. No. 1 sweet potatoes that are fairly clean and at least 60 per cent fairly well shaped.

STASSEN PREDICTS STRIKE CURB POLICY

Development of the two-party system would benefit both the South and the nation, Harold E. Stassen, former Governor of Minnesota, said tonight in a sppeech for Virginia's Republican candidate. He struck at the Administration's foreign and domestic policies.

Accompanying Mr. Stassen from Washington were Lester S. Parsons, opponent of Demoratic Senator Harry F. Byrd, and Sydney H. Kelsey opponent of Porter Hardy, Democratic Representative nominate.

"I believe you will find in these coming years that the Republican party will come to grips with the domestic and international problems of the nation," Mr. Stassen said.

He declared, also, we will see the development of a nw national labor policy to cut down the number of strikes in America."

Mr. Stassen said that in world affairs a new policy would mean following through in vigorous support of the United Nations, and the development of a firm, plain-spoken American policy, which is not tied down to that of any other nation, and not directed against any other one nation. He added that this would demand leadership to control atomic energy on a world-wide basis.

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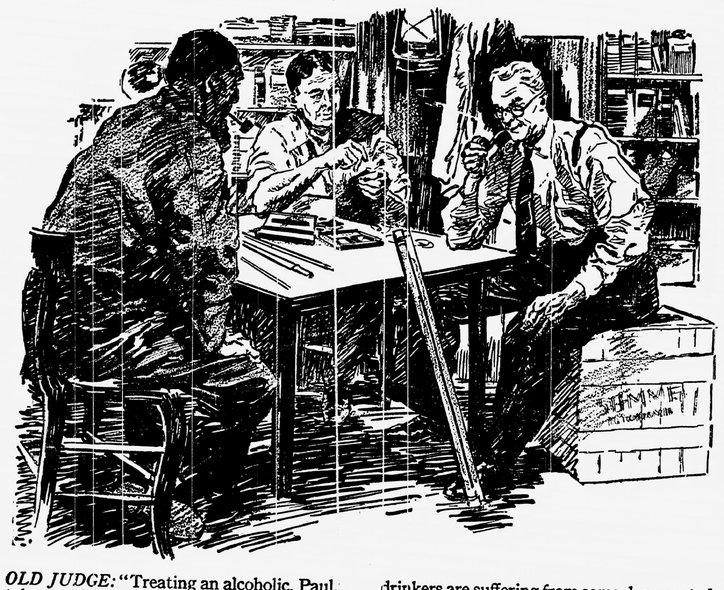
THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



OLD JUDGE: "Treating an alcoholic, Paul, takes patience just like in fishing. What people have got to learn is that the alcoholic is a *sick person*, and that it takes patience and skill to correct the underlying causes of the disease."

ROGER: "Where I come from, Judge, all they ever do with alcoholics is throw them in jail, and keep them there 'til they sober up."

OLD JUDGE: "It's too bad, but that's what they do in a lot of places. And it's just a waste of the taxpayers' money. Medical and social scientists have been studying alcoholism very thoroughly the past few years, and they know now that most problem drinkers are suffering from some deep-rooted mental or physical condition that makes them incapable of dealing with life without some sort of crutch to lean on."

PAUL: "If it wasn't alcohol, I suppose it might be something worse, eh Judge?"

OLD JUDGE: "Exactly. But in more and more enlightened communities today they're providing special clinics for the study and treatment of alcoholics. So we're beginning to make some real scientific progress."

ROGER: "I'm glad to know about that, Judge. Sounds to me like the only intelligent way to tackle this problem."

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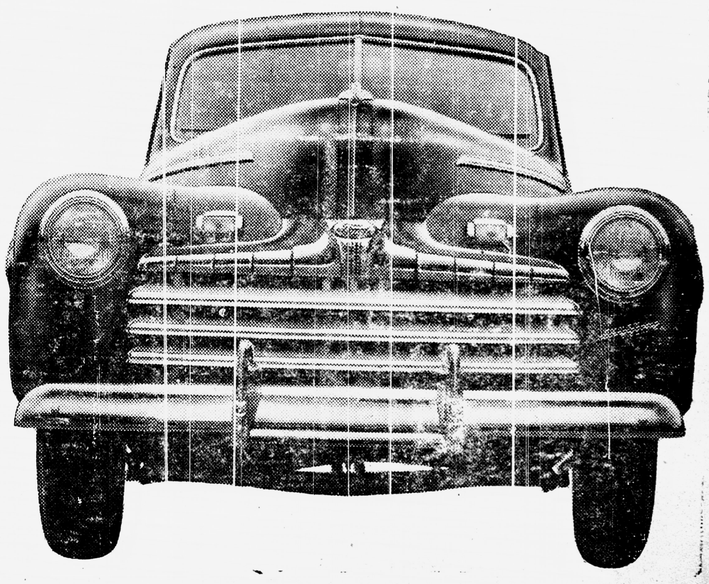
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