

VOTERS APPROVE CALLING UP GUARD

All Classes, Parties, Sections Show Unity in Backing Bill
For Year's Training: 'Must Be Prepared,' Say
Most in Answers.

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PRINCETON, N. J., Aug. 16.—The bill passed by the Senate and the House authorizing President Roosevelt to call the National Guard for one year's intensive training is approved by an overwhelming majority of American voters in a national survey.

In fact, the proportion favoring the measure is among the highest ever registered in an American Institute poll.

When voters in the cross-section survey were asked: "Do you think the National Guard should be called out for one year of military training?" the results were:

Favoring Calling Guard... 85% Opposed... 15%

Fewer than one person in every 10 (9 per cent) was undecided or without an opinion.

The vote is very much in line with national sentiment already expressed on the issue of conscription, and it furnishes additional evidence of the public's great desire for preparedness.

Institute Polls have found the voters two to one (86 per cent) in favor of the principle back of the Burke-Wadsworth Bill—a peacetime draft of able-bodied young men. Every state in the Union voted for conscription in the Institute's last survey reported a week ago.

The calling of the National Guard, which would mean an addition of anywhere from 150,000 to 200,000 to the regular Army, finds no serious opposition in any of the major population groups.

By a vote of 82 per cent or more, it is approved in all geographical sections, in all age groups, and from top to bottom of the income scale. On few issues have the common people ever been so unified.

Must Be Prepared!

Why the measure is popular can be learned even from the reasons given by the voters in explaining their attitude. The first and main reason is that "we must be prepared for emergency with a skilled and trained fighting force."

A 29-year-old farmer in Fallon, Nev., summed up this sentiment when he said: "We can't get too much training in modern methods of warfare."

The second reason is that it is logical to call up the Guard because they "already have a foundation of training in tactics," so that this would be the easiest and quickest way to augment the nation's fighting force.

Some See Step to War

Others point out that the National Guard is maintained for just such national emergencies as the country faces. A 40-year-old oil station manager in Minneapolis comments: "That's what the National Guard is paid and trained for."

Book Profitable in 1938

Thousands of copies of the 1938 Democratic book were sold by the Democratic National Committee, its receipts from such sales amounting to \$481,000 that year and to \$379,750 more in 1937, when de luxe copies containing President Roosevelt's autograph were sold to many corporations and individuals at \$250 each.

The minority of voters who oppose calling the Guard say that it would be "just another step toward war," that it would interfere with the jobs of too many men, and that there is no such emergency yet as to warrant such a "dictatorial" move.

ASKS DEFENSE BODIES

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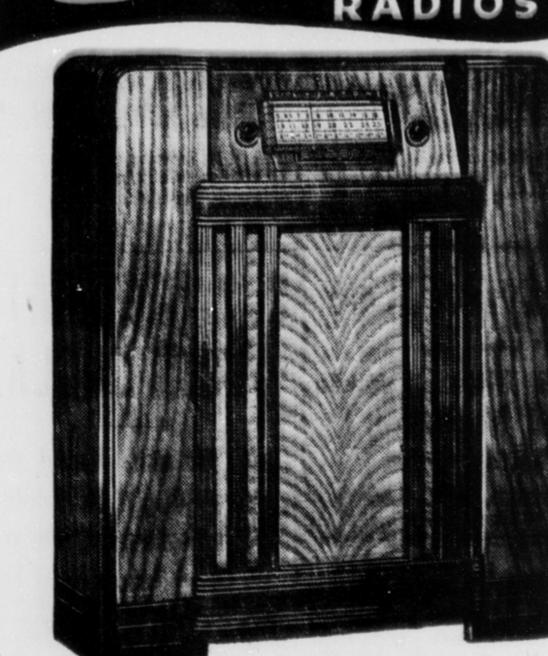


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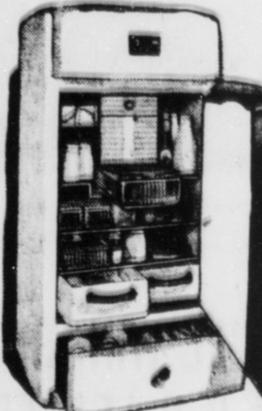
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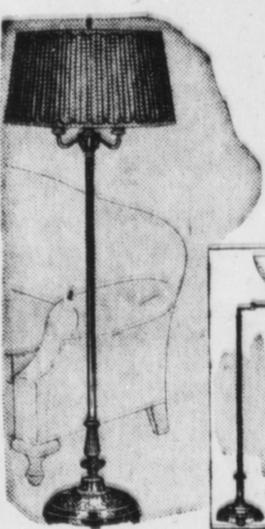
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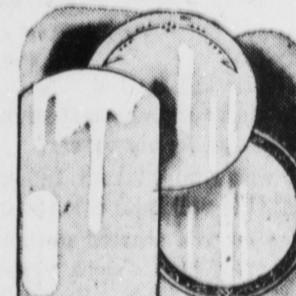
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