

## Here Is The Complete Text Of The Army's Point Plan For Demobilization

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6 (U.P.)—Here is the text of the war department's statement on its plan for demobilizing the army after Germany has surrendered.

The army has adopted a plan for the readjustment of military personnel after the defeat of Germany and prior to the defeat of Japan, calling for a partial and orderly demobilization from its present peak strength.

When the war against Germany has ended, the military might of the United States will be shifted from the European area to the Pacific area. Military requirements

in the European and American areas will be drastically curtailed, while tremendous increases will be essential in the Pacific.

To defeat Japan as quickly as possible, and permanently, the United States will have to assemble, readjust, and streamline its military forces in order to apply the maximum power. Our military requirements to achieve this end, involving men, weapons, equipment and shipping, have been set forth by the combined chiefs of staff. These requirements are the determining factors of the readjustment and demobilization plan adopted by the war department.

### THOUSANDS TO REMAIN

Military necessity decrees that men suited to the type of warfare being waged in the Pacific must remain in service as long as they are essential. Certain units of the army also, of necessity, will have to be retained in the various theaters where action has ceased in order to fulfill such occupation duties as are necessary. Other elements, no longer needed in the theater in which they are assigned, will be transferred to other areas, organized and redesignated to meet current military requirements in the theater, or they will be inactivated.

Within each element of the army thousands of individuals may become surplus to the need of the theater or major command in which they are serving. But more thousands will be required for further military service.

First priority in this readjustment program will be the transfer of elements from theaters no longer active to the Pacific war zone, or from the United States to the Office of war zone. All available transportation will be utilized for this tremendous undertaking.

### ALL FACTORS WEIGHED

The readjustment and demobilization plan developed by the war department after months of study takes into account all of these variable factors. Briefly, the plan for the return of non-essential soldiers to civilian life will start with the assembly in the United States of men declared surplus to the needs of each overseas theater and to the major commands in the United States. From among these men some will be designated essential, and a substantial number will be designated as non-essential to the new military needs of the army and will be returned to civilian life according to certain priorities.

As an example, the commanding general of the European theater of operations will be informed by the war department of the types and numbers of his units which will be needed in the Pacific, and the types and numbers of his units which will remain as occupational troops, and the types and numbers of his units which are surplus.

### METHOD IS IMPARTIAL

The simplest plan of demobilization would have been to return these surplus units to this country and discharge their personnel intact.

Such a method, however, would operate with great unfairness to many individuals who have had long and arduous service but are not assigned to one of the units declared surplus. If only units in Europe were considered, this basis of expediency would work unfairly to units long in the Pacific or at outposts bases in the American theater. It would operate unfairly to men who have seen extended combat service both in Europe and the Pacific and have been returned to this country for reassignment. It would release men only recently assigned as replacements to units long in combat and would discriminate against veterans of many campaigns in units not selected for return.

Consequently, it was determined that the fairest method to effect partial demobilization would be through the selection of men as individuals, rather than by units, with the selection governed by thoroughly impartial standards.

For the standards, the war department went to the soldiers themselves. Experts were sent into the field to obtain a cross-section of the sentiments of enlisted men. Thousands of soldiers, both in this country and overseas, were interviewed to learn their views on the kind of selective process they believed should determine the men to be returned first to civilian life. Opinions expressed by the soldiers themselves became the accepted principles of the plan.

### RATING ON SERVICE

As finally worked out, the plan accepted by the war department as best meeting the tests of justice and impartiality, will make men

### Inductions Will Continue Even Under Partial Demobilization

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6 (U.P.)—Members of the house military affairs committee expressed general satisfaction today with the army's plan for partial demobilization after Germany's defeat but warned that it would be some time before the men would get home and that inductions would still continue.

Rep. John J. Sparkman (D, Ala.) said two things should be made clear to the public:

1. It will take some time to complete demobilization in Europe because the number of men discharged will depend on the amount of shipping space available.

2. Selective service will continue inductions to build up new units and take care of replacements. "I'm afraid a lot of people will get the idea there will be no more inductions," he said.

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As an example: Normally, there will be a great flow of men needed to build up and maintain an offensive against Japan, but say that several thousand men, over and above the required number can be shipped to the Pacific each month. Then, a corresponding number of men in the Pacific with the highest priority credit scores can be declared surplus and returned to the United States, where their scores and military necessity will determine whether they are among the personnel no longer essential to the

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The war department has determined that the successful operation of the plan requires that the troops themselves, as well as the public, be kept fully informed.

The size of the military establishment that will be needed after the defeat of Germany has been calculated with the same exactness as the size of the army needed up to now. No soldier will be kept in the military service who is not needed to fulfill these requirements. No soldier will be released who is needed.

It must be borne in mind always that the war will not be won, nor peace enjoyed, until Japan has been completely crushed.

### 11,000 SEE CIRCUS WITHOUT BIG TOP

A crowd of more than 11,000 saw for the first time a circus without a big top and its trappings last night when Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey staged its three-rounder under the flood lights of Victory field.

The aerialists performed with more freedom without the myriad of ropes and poles and the high-pole performers went up 130 feet instead of the 50-foot act they usually stage under the big top.

Hundreds of nearby residents got a free show from their front porches since the aerialists could be seen for many blocks under the spotlights.

The lions and tigers were peepier, too, in the open air.

In fact, the glitter of the tinsel in the whole show was more brilliant than ever under a bright moon.

The performance is to be repeated at 2:15 this afternoon and again at 8:15 tonight.

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