

Navy's 'Plush' ROTC Program Stirs New Feud With Army

Generals Fear Admirals Get Best Trainees

'Flossy' Program Comes as Surprise

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Cool army-navy relations are getting a new deep-freeze treatment. This results from army resentment over a plush navy officers' training program which, as army men see it, allows the navy to "skin the cream" of the country's young men. This newest feuding is built around a handsome college education subsidy worth close to \$5000, as dispensed by navy, while the army puffs along on a scanty four-year reserve officers' training corps handout estimated to be worth only \$500.

Annapolis Inadequate

The navy got authorization for its new, flossed-up naval R. O. T. C. program is in effect this: "Authorized navy strength is 500,000 men, and the Annapolis academy hasn't the capacity to turn out enough officers to command such a force. We couldn't get well-trained officers from the old reserve program. When they come out of the new program they will get two years' active service plus four years in the naval reserve."

The generosity of the offer is acknowledged, and the navy agrees it amounts to subsidizing a young man's college education.

Tee Costly? Says Army

Army people do not condemn the plan wholly, though some say it is far too expensive. But they say that inasmuch as the old army and navy reserve programs had been much the same, they should have been advised of the navy's shift. They contend it is unfair to have one service offering a real subsidy and the other a coffee-and-doughnut handout.

The navy knows it has something good and is exploiting it.

"Are you planning to go to college?" reads a navy letter to a young prospect. "How would you like to go to college for four years at the navy's expense and receive \$600 a year in addition? If you are between the ages of 17 and 21, and physically qualified, unmarried, a citizen of the U. S. and eligible for admittance to college in the fall of 1947, you are eligible to apply for this wonderful educational opportunity."

High school principals have been furnished applications.

Army Asks No Active Duty

The old ROTC program provided no cash handout in the first two years. It allowed 86 cents a day plus \$200 for uniform and summer camp, in the last two years. That's about what the army now offers, though it has proposed a program that would have a value to the ROTC member of about \$1300—still only slightly more than one-fourth of the new navy program. There was no active duty commitment under the old ROTC except in case of war.

As the navy does it now, the ROTC student gets \$50 a month plus tuition, books, fees, etc. The college course has been sharpened up some on the side of naval science, but is not greatly different from the former course. Summer cruise requirements are somewhat more strenuous.

Flight Training Included

Naval air training inducements are generous, too, but the college course is interrupted at the end of two years to allow for active flight training and duty. After two years the young navy fliers are commissioned ensigns and after another year are eligible for the final two years' college training.

Army people say if they tried to operate on any such scale it would cost tens of millions. Navy spokesmen say that providing officer material this way costs less than it would at Annapolis.

Some army people see the wide differences as another argument for armed forces unification.

Man and Wife Found Dead in South Bend

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 9 (U. P.)—A man and his estranged wife were found dead today, and police said it was a murder and suicide.

The body of Mrs. Mary Zbreszny, 54, was found on a davenport in her home. She had been shot and stabbed.

In a garage behind the house the body of her husband, Anthony, 54, hung by a rope from a rafter. He had been shot by the same gun used on Mrs. Zbreszny, according to Police Detective Gustave C. Schutte.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

BIRTHS

At St. Francis—Girls: Mary Kingery, James, Betty, Thornton; Dominic, Dorothy, William, John, Michael, and Harry, Eddie, Marsha, and Louis, Kathryn, Adams.

At Our Lady—William Alice Hillis.

At Methodist—Gloria, Sanders; Thomas, Mary, Porter; Richard, Wilder; Brier; Byron, Isabelle, Fowler; Charles, Pauline, and Shirley, Cobb, and Robert, Shirley, Brier.

At St. Vincent's—Jack, Fred, Womersley, Edward, Marjorie, Blackburn; George, Simon, and John, Womersley; Rev. Kenneth, Irene, Vandenberg, Womersley, John, Geno, and Charles, Mary, Womersley.

At St. Francis—Boys: Albert, Theima, Maxine, and Earl, Gene, Muder.

At Methodist—Harry, Jennie, Freeman, and John, Louis, Boren.

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Rent Control Repeal Sought

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President that rent control should be extended beyond the end of the fiscal year," Mr. Harness said. "My measure would end all federal rent control as soon as it was passed.

"Without rent control, old houses would be made into apartments and new rental homes would become available. Many property owners now just leave their houses idle, because there would be no profit under present rent ceilings. There isn't any building going on in the rental property field because rent control is a brake on such construction."

"If any rent control is needed in the future, the states can handle the matter much better than we can do here in Washington."

Mr. Harness also disagreed with the presidential recomme...

that present high tax rates be maintained.

Senator Homer E. Capehart (R. Ind.) did likewise.

"The President's message said nothing about reducing governmental expenditures," Senator Capehart pointed out. "I am for cutting both expenses and taxes, but I also think that there should be some increase in rents in order to encourage construction of more rental properties. Plenty of families, including veterans, would rather rent a home right now than buy one. Young persons may not think that they are sufficiently settled to buy property and they want very much to rent places."

Buy getting settled in his new office, Senator William E. Jenner (R. Ind.) said he wanted to study the lengthy economic message of the President before making any comment regarding it.

3 Senators Demand Rent Control End

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (U. P.)—Higher rates for transient hotel rooms were in prospect today.

And there were demands in con-

gress for other rent control relaxations.

Rent ceilings will be removed from transient hotels and motor courts Feb. 15.

Hotel men cheered the first break in the administration's firm rent control line. They said their charges will rise—to offset higher costs—but mostly on luxury rooms. They said low cost rooms may hold.

In the senate, Republicans and Democrats alike insisted that landlords be given a break if rent controls are continued beyond June 30, as requested by President Truman.

Senators Kenneth S. Wherry (R. Neb.), John W. Bricker (R. O.) and W. Lee O'Daniel (D. Tex.) urged early repeal of the rent control law.

Mr. O'Daniel drew up a bill to abolish ceilings on Feb. 1.

EQUIPMENT IS STOLEN

Burglars ransacked the Reid Hol-

comb Co., 1850 Kentucky ave., last

night and stole desk equipment

at \$50 and \$21 worth of

liquor.

Democrats Snipe At State G. O. P.

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Gates delivers his first message to the assembly tomorrow. Most of the day's session was devoted to routine organization matter.

Craigton Speaker of House

There was little to be done that hadn't been ironed out well in advance. Rep. Hobart Craigton of Warsaw, speaker for the two previous sessions, was re-elected speaker of the house, a post assured him by the Republican majority caucus weeks ago.

Rep. George Henley of Bloomington will lead the Republican majority from the floor. His 12-member opposition will be led by Democrat Robert Heller of Decatur.

In the senate, the session opened with the swearing in of newly elected members. There, too, election of president pro tem John Van Ness of Valparaiso was set up in

advance by the original Republican caucus. Lt. Gov. Richard T. James is president of the senate by virtue of his office.

Topping the list of reorganization events was the report of the rules committee, revamping the rules to enable the members to vote by machine. Push-button voting devices have been installed but under the old rules it still would have been necessary to call roll for every vote.

Organization of committees for the session also was well planned in advance by Mr. Craigton and Mr. James. In both houses the number of committees was cut drastically to carry out the scheduled theme of "streamlining" the legislature.

Facts, Figures on 85th Legislature

The lineup of the 85th Indiana general assembly which convenes today:

Political Division—125 Republicans, 24 Democrats.

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