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Basic Training Plan For 4-F's Gains Ground

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6—(AP)—The idea of basic training for many men now classified 4-F, to see if they really are disqualified for military service, gained ground today in the House Armed Services committee. The talk centered on draft-deferred athletes but was not limited to them.

The proposition came up in testimony by Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, on the Defense department's bill to draft 18-year-olds, extend service to 27 months and set up a system of universal military service and training (UMST).

Many lawmakers want all other available sources tapped before the draft takes youths below the present 19-year age limit. The trial-training plan, to which Hershey readily agreed, was one of the suggestions aimed that way. Simultaneously there were these other developments bearing on armed manpower:

1. The Air Force started sending out calls to the first of nearly 80,000 volunteer reservists it plans to bring into active service.
2. The house committee itself showed signs of leaning toward a compromise on 18-year-olds, under which they might be drafted but would have to get six months training before they could go to a combat zone.
3. The committee also gave thought to a requirement that the armed forces reject no more than 22 per cent of the men selective service sends them, finding some spot for the rest. The "reject" rate has dropped recently to 34 per cent, Hershey said, but is still too high.

Zelko Heads Training Program For Agency

Harold P. Zelko, associate professor of public speaking at the College, has been named chief of the training branch in the Economic Stabilizing agency in Washington and will be in charge of the entire training program of the agency.

Zelko in 1944 was named assistant chief of training in the office of the Chief of Engineers and in that position served as chief author and editor of the engineer supervisory development program.

The College has granted Zelko a leave of absence for one year, effective Feb. 1, to enable him to accept the new post. His family will continue to live in State College.

Committee Members Selected For Religion-In-Life Program

Ten committees for Religion-in-Life week have been announced by the Penn State Christian association.

More student leaders than in previous years have been enlisted by the PSCA to assist in the program which will begin Sunday, Feb. 18 with a keynote address by Dr. Kenneth Irving Brown at the College Chapel service.

Members of the general committee are: Albert S. Asendorf,

Joanne Ashman, E. H. Baldwin, Jay V. Beck, Nancy Bigley, Mary Brewer, Joanne Bucknell, Harold Campbell, Donald W. Carruthers, William Clymer, Carl E. Cronmeyer, Robert Eads, Owen Gallagher, Richard Goodling, William H. Gray, John F. Harkins, Joyce Harkins, Jay Headly, Barbara Jones, Benjamin Kahn, Robb Keener.

Deanie Krebs, Joseph Lipsky, Marian McDowell, Patricia Menstler, Janet Margini, Eleanor Miller, Frank Montgomery, Andrew E. Newcomer, John Peabody, Ruth Phillips, Hope Powell, Seth Russell, Laurence Schenpp, Frank Simes, William C. Stewart, William E. Tanner, and Richard Walsh.

Marlin Brenner is chairman of the publicity committee and he will be assisted by Carroll Chapman, David Colton, Greta Dunsmore, John Fenney, Florenz Fenton, John Glick, Janet Horger, Arthur Keen, Carl Liachowitz, Milo Moore, Joan Vaughan, and Samuel Vaughan.

William Klisanin was named chairman of the radio committee, and his assistants will be Mimi Blicher, Lois Ruth Hayford, Marc Kimelman, Thomas Kline, David Lewis, Theodore Reinhart, Eugene Stohn, and Patricia Uplinger.

Pat Poole is chairman of the decorations committee and the other members are Helen Jones, Janet Magrini, William O'Malley, Helen Pond and Raymond Rice. Owen Landon will head the finance committee and Clint Bittner, Mary Eshelman, Stanley Goldman, Dorothy Horgan, Kenneth Kiel, Edna Peterson, and Thomas Smith are other members of the group.

Chairman of the firesides group is Rose Eifert, and other students are Charles Brewer, William Clymer, Robert Davis, Israel Dimer, Nancy George, Stanley Heller, (Continued on page two)



— Photo by Sam Vaughan

Shown here are Charles Williams, (left) President of Players, as "Goff", a small time gangster, and Ruth Johnson, (right) as "Stella." Miss Johnson alternates in this role with Lorraine Spittler. Show: "The Gentle People" directed by Kelly Yeaton starting this Friday at Center Stage. Tickets may be purchased at Student Union.

Railroads Still Snarled By Midwest Switchmen

The switchmen's crippling "sick call" strike began crumbling in parts of the nation Tuesday, but holdouts in key midwest cities kept the bulk of the cross-country traffic in a snarl.

Strikers swarmed back to their jobs in New York City and much of the eastern area. Switchmen stayed out in the key rail hubs of Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis and Minneapolis-St. Paul. The walkout still spread on some far western lines.

Scattered back-to-work movements were reported in all sections of the country and some "dead" freight and temporarily cancelled passenger trains began rolling again.

The railway express agency partially lifted its embargo of last Thursday. The agency said it will again accept shipments, effective immediately, between New York City and New England points and between New York City and New Jersey points.

The Pennsylvania railroad ordered its embargo lifted at midnight at New York, Trenton, N.J., Philadelphia and Buffalo, N.Y. But, the Pennsylvania said the embargo would remain at Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Toledo.

Railroad officials estimated the strike was clogging the movement of more than one-third of this country's 2,000,000 freight cars. Some 500,000 empty and 200,000 loaded cars were reported either stranded in terminals or moving into bottlenecks.

The day's developments prompted some eastern industrial (Continued on page eight)

Legion Favors 18 Voting Age

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HARRISBURG, Feb. 6—(AP)—The state American Legion today endorsed legislation granting voting rights to Pennsylvania's 18-year olds.

The bill, introduced by Sen. A. R. Pechan (R-Armstrong) seeks a constitutional amendment to lower the voting age limit.

Joseph S. McCracken, state legion commander, said in urging passage of the bill permitting 18-year olds to vote:

"If they are old enough to carry guns, then they're old enough to vote."

"Certainly, the boys and girls who are being called on to fight in the Korean war should have the right to select office holders who are responsible for the conduct of that war," McCracken added.

Eisenhower Would Okay Eastern Athletic League

President Milton S. Eisenhower said yesterday that Penn State was interested in formation of an athletic conference, "but not one limited to football."

His statement was contained in answers to a series of questions on athletic policy submitted to him by the Daily Collegian.

President Eisenhower did not elaborate on his statement, but the answer was made in reply to a question concerning overtures for Penn State to join a proposed Eastern Collegiate Football league.

Authority Asks For Bids On Rec Hall Wing

The General State authority has asked for bids on the construction of the new wing of Recreation hall, it was announced recently.

The wing will measure 98 feet by 222 feet and will be built to the south of the present structure. It will be connected to Rec hall by corridors.

The new building will be two stories high with a partial basement. The basement will contain bowling alleys, storage and utility rooms.

The first floor will be taken up with lockers for physical education students and athletic teams, while seven handball courts, as well as offices, classrooms, a library and a laboratory will occupy the second floor. As a means of cutting the cost of the building, contractors have been asked to submit bids leaving out one of the handball courts.

All bids have been received by the GSA for equipping the Mineral Sciences building, completed some years ago under another appropriation. Bids were due Jan. 23 on completely equipping the building's laboratories, but as yet no contracts for the work have been announced.

Plan To Enroll More Students Is Successful

The student enrollment committee's emergency plan to cope with the present drop in College enrollment was put into effect during the between-semester vacation and was termed "very successful" by Edward Shanken, head of the committee's fraternity section.

The committee was set up before Christmas by All-College cabinet. Edwin Barnitz is chairman of the group which sent approximately 120 student volunteers to over 100 high schools throughout the state to interest February graduates in attending Penn State.

The committee concentrated on high schools in the large cities of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Erie. However, Shanken said that many small communities were included in the project. Gerald Luton reported several interested high school graduates following a talk with a group in Zelenople, a small community in the western part of the state.

Shanken said that, considering the project was in its embryo stage, the reception was very encouraging. He added that approaching high school graduates on the personal level and thus cutting red-tape might be one way of increasing faltering College enrollment.

The admissions office yesterday reported that this semester's enrollment would probably be 1000 under the enrollment of last spring.

Shanken said most of the volunteers spoke at assembly programs. Others talked to graduates seeking information about the College in rooms set aside by the high school especially for that purpose.

Scholarship Aid
The President also said that abandonment of the Sanity Code will not have any effect on scholarship aid to athletes at Penn State. "Compliance or non-compliance with the NCAA Sanity Code is no longer a relevant issue," the President said. "The issue now becomes a matter of doing what we think is right and complying with the regulations of our regional conference."

The President pointed out that while Penn State is not a member of a regional conference in football, the College is a member of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic conference, "which has regulations governing financial aid to athletes."

ECAC Regulations
"The regulations of the ECAC are broad in definition," President Eisenhower said, "and allow financial aid to athletes on the basis of need and/or high scholarship, the amount not to exceed the minimum cost of attending college as stated in the catalogue of the institution; such aid must be approved and awarded by the regular agency established by the College for granting aids to eligible students."

Amplifying his oft-expressed belief that the College should follow a "middle of the road policy" in athletic scholarships, the President said he believes that "it is appropriate to offer 'fee' scholarships to a reasonable number of needy athletes, and that some of these should be supplemented by jobs which will pay enough to cover room and board." The College was prepared to vote for such an amendment to the Sanity Code at the recent meeting of the NCAA in Dallas, Texas, he said.

Penn State has some scholarships which take care of fees only, the President said. In addition, some athletes are provided with jobs "which pay just enough to cover room and board," he said.

Pres. Declines Baseball Job

President Eisenhower yesterday said he had no interest in becoming baseball commissioner. He had been mentioned in the press during the past few days as one of ten men under consideration for the job currently held by Albert B. "Happy" Chandler, whose contract expires next year.

After incessant queries from newspapers, the President said Monday that he had no comment on the possibility that he might get the job. Yesterday he issued the following statement:

"Evidently my desire not to comment on the story has led to speculation about my interest in the matter. I regret this. When the committee approached me at Christmas-time, I replied definitely and finally that I could not consider an offer, if tendered; that I wish only to carry on my work at Penn State."

The Sunday edition of the New York Times carried the first story which associated President Eisenhower's name with the baseball commissionership. He was listed among other possible "candidates" for the job, including James A. Farley, Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois, Chief Justice Fred Vinson of the Supreme Court, U.S. Judge Harold Medina, and William Stuart Symington, former Air Force secretary.