

# Post-War Military Service Suggested for Youth as Roosevelt Ends War Tour

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WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP)—President Roosevelt ended a 20-state war inspection tour today with an idea that the youth of America, making use of industrial plants and military camps, might well give a year's service to their government in the post-war era.

He had traveled 7652 miles in seventeen days, checking up on widely scattered war activities and dropping down into Mexico to confer with President Manuel Avila Camacho.

Mr. Roosevelt told reporters accompanying him that the trip convinced him that the armed forces and the home front factories are in their stride, but that he was wondering what could be done, after victory is won, with camps and plants in which millions have been invested.

He had no specific plan or program to offer but he emphasized the benefits in physical condition and mental alertness that men and women in service and war-workers uniforms had realized in the last few months.

He visited eleven army posts, four war plants, and one marine base, one WAAC school and one naval air training center. He talked with a dozen governors and at least double that number of plant executives.

Everywhere he went, Mr. Roosevelt saw action. He saw green troops in the first days of their training, and hardened troops just about ready for an expedition to the battle zones.

He saw the most minute facets of military training, even sampling three times the food the neophyte soldiers were eating. He learned how the army schools its men for the multitude of duties they must perform, several times watching combat problems employing real ammunition.

He saw bomber and fighter planes on the assembly lines and in the air and a clattering factory rolling out 30 caliber ammunition by the carload.

News stories on the early part of his trip were released midway of his travels. He went "off the record" again after parting with Mexico's president at Corpus Christi, Texas, April 21.

April 22. Spent the day in seclusion with members of his family at the ranch of his son, Elliott, a colonel with the army air forces in North Africa.

April 23. Travelled northward across Texas, through a corner of New Mexico and into Colorado.

April 24. Visited Camp Carson, near Colorado Springs, Colo., and viewed graphic demonstrations of a water-crossing, of infantry battling tanks, and of the massed firing of 60 deafening field Howitzers.

April 25. Attended Easter Sunday services at Fort Riley, Kas., where he was in the exact geographical center of the United States for the first time.

April 26. Saw a Martin bomb-

er plant at Omaha turning out B-26 Marauders and testing them in flight.

April 27. Stopped at Jefferson barracks, Mo., the oldest military post west of the Mississippi for a mass review by 15,000 troops who had been in service a maximum of 28 days.

Watched workers at a Republic fighter plane factory at Evansville, Ind., building P-47 Thunderbolts, and demonstrations of how they fire and how they fly.

April 28. Saw the army show off the tremendous offensive power of an armored division, with tanks, artillery, planes and infantrymen using live ammunition.

The deepest impression which Mr. Roosevelt brought back to Washington was one of a vast improvement in the armed forces, since he made a similar tour last September, accompanied by an encouraging acceleration in the production of the munitions they need on the combat fronts.

As on that former trip, he returned critical of Washington. He said he had found that the country as a whole had a better perspective on the war and a better sense of proportion than the national capital.

Speaking of representatives of the three major news services at a press conference aboard his

## OIL RATIONS WON'T BE CUT, SAYS BROWN

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP)—Next winter's fuel oil rations in the 33 states where oil use is restricted will not be cut, and some rations, "notable for smaller homes," will be increased.

Registration for next season's coupons will be handled almost exclusively by mail, he said.

Brown said rationing will apply to the same 30 east coast and middle western states and to Washington, Oregon and part of Idaho, where fuel oil was rationed during the past winter.

"There is no intention," he added, "to extend oil rationing to additional areas."

## Governor Appoints School Temperance Education Group

SALEM, April 29 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell announced today appointment of a committee to confer with the state liquor commission on a proposed temperance education program in schools.

Members of the committee, all of whom live in Portland, are: Dr. William S. Knox, chairman of the committee which drafted the state liquor law; Bishop Bruce R. Baxter of the Methodist church; Mrs. W. W. Gabriel, club woman and social worker; Mrs. Nettie Rankin Bolland, school teacher; and Ray Carr, advertising executive.

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special train, the president said the whole temper of the country was far more sober and far more intelligent than the attitude of a good part of Washington.

The people generally, he said, not only are in the war but also understand it. They do not follow Washington's example, he said, and, as he put it, magnify something of a tenth degree of importance and put it on front pages.

Furthermore, he declared, the tendency in the rest of the country, which he said is in contrast with the capital, is to evaluate correctly and give the right relative importance to world events and the progress of actual fighting.

Mr. Roosevelt made no formal speeches on the second half of his journey. Several times, he spoke informally, and he told reporters he thought he was about right when he asserted at

Fort Riley that the army had been going through its growing pains in the last few months, but now has grown up.

The improvement could be seen not only in the troops themselves, he said, but also in the housekeeping of the army—in the things it wears and eats.

Engenders Confidence Asked whether he had, as a result of his inspections, "any greater confidence in the new moves to come in Europe," the chief executive replied in the affirmative.

He said, too, he thought the country was catching on to the advantages of the training which men and women are getting in the service, as well as in war industries.

He commented on a marked gain in their health and physical well-being and on the way a portion of their formal schooling are now learning reading, writing and arithmetic as well as skilled trades.

When you see all the tremendous camps, with a capacity of maybe 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 men, the president asserted, you can't help wondering what will happen to them when the war is won and whether some type of training should continue, partly to avoid a net loss on equipment on which millions have been spent.

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A special invitation is issued to members of all churches in the city. Deaconess Riebe will tell of her work among the refugees in China, of the bombings which she survived and the condition of that war-torn country. Tea will be served following

the talk. The visitor has addressed groups in Pendleton, The Dalles and Bend, and leaves Friday night for Portland to fulfill a speaking engagement there. You'd think the well-known sick friend would get tired of having people sit up with him.

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