

Despite War's End, Burden On Manpower Hasn't Changed

By RAY HENRY

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite the halt in Korean fighting, the burden of required military service on the nation's young men hasn't changed. Those in uniform can't expect to get out ahead of time. Those awaiting military call can expect to serve as long as if the fighting had continued.

To back up this outlook, Defense Department and selective service officials said in interviews today: Draft calls will go out at about the same rate as had been planned before the shooting stopped — between 19,000 and 23,000 calls during each of the next 11 months. No plans have been made to shorten present tours of active duty, except for surplus officers on voluntary tours.

The demand from the armed forces for re-enlistments and enlistments will remain about the same, or greater.

There are no plans to ease deferment policies.

At the root of this situation is the nation's defense planning, which calls for continuing the armed forces at nearly the Korean War level—a 3,300,000 total. This figure does represent a cut of about 200,000 men in the size of the armed forces between now and next July 1. But it's a cut which was planned long before the Korean truce and will not be reflected by changes in today's manpower needs.

The Korean truce will make only one essential change in the military manpower picture. A 50,000-man cut in the size of the Army and a 5,000-man cut in the Marine Corps are planned which otherwise wouldn't have been made. These stem from a reduction in combat replacements that were needed to keep an effective fighting force in Korea.

To some degree, the 50,000 cut in the Army's strength will be reflected in smaller draft calls. Just when and how, however, is an open question now. This account for the coming months varying between 19,000 and 23,000 men.

Taking into account the 55,000 reduction, the planned sizes of the four armed forces by next July 1 are: Army, 1,370,000; Navy, 745,000; Air Force, 960,000; Marine Corps, 225,000.

To maintain these forces about 875,000 men will have to re-enlist, enlist or be drafted to replace men who will complete their tours of service by next July 1. Plans include the drafting of about 275,000 men, the re-enlistment of 200,000 men and the enlistment of about 300,000. About 100,000 reserves and officers are scheduled to be called as replacements. These figures are only estimates.

If expectations in other categories draft calls will have to move up. Last year there were 170,000 re-enlistments and 380,000 enlist-

ments, so the department shouldn't be too far off in its estimates.

After next July 1 the Defense Department and selective service expect a number of changes in the manpower picture. Changes are the Defense Department will jump draft calls to about 45,000 a month, selective service will make some changes in draft regulations and both will be scurrying to make sure enough draftable men will be available to meet defense needs.

This all depends, however, on whether the international situation gets better or worse. Of course, a changeover to a plan of universal military training (UMT) would cause considerable revamping of most military manpower planning.

However, if the size of the armed forces continues at 3,300,000 after next July 1, the draft calls will inevitably go up to about 45,000 a month because of increase releases from active duty.

And there will be a shorter supply of young men who can be called to service. The supply has been dwindling not only because of heavy demands made during the Korean War, but because during the depression of the 1930s the number of babies born—today's youth—was declining.

About the only solution for this shortage is to change draft policies and lower the physical and mental standards for draft and enlistment. This would mean many men not now eligible for service could be used.

Selective service is eyeing the possibility of now-deferred fathers eligible for the draft. This would add about 1,135,000 men to the eligibles. Those who became fathers after Aug. 52 will be subject to the draft unless deferred for other reasons.

By a change in the draft mental and physical requirements, selective service could have another look at the 1½ million draft-age young men who are now 4F.

The number of men in the other draft — deferred categories—occupational, student, alien, etc. — is small, and the deferments usually temporary.

Of course, a change in the age limit for drafting or lengthening of the required draft service might be made. But these are drastic measures that would have to be initiated by Congress and would be a last resort.

INDIA TO JET UP

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India is going to buy modern jet fighters for its air force from France. Announcing this in Parliament Monday, Defense Organization Minister Mahavir Tyagi refused "in the interests of public security" to say how many jets would be bought.

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PURGE EXPLAINED

SEOUL (AP) — An official South Korean spokesman said Monday the recent purge of 12 North Korean Communist leaders was ordered by Soviet Premier Malenkov to strengthen his "bloody struggle for dictatorship." This statement from Dr. Karl Hong Ki was at variance with reports from South Korea intelligence sources that the ousted officials were pro-Russian.

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Theory Of H-Bomb Opposite From That Of Atomic Bomb

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The dread H-bomb, which the free world have been racing to produce first, would work on the opposite theory from that governing the A-bomb.

In the A-bombs, atoms of a radioactive isotope of uranium are split, with the release of great energy. This is called fission.

The principle of all experiments aimed at producing an H-bomb is fusion, the opposite of fission.

The goal is to fuse hydrogen, which has an atomic weight of one, with one of its isotopes having a higher atomic weight, to give an end product of helium. Helium, a gas used to lift dirigibles, has an atomic weight of four.

The fusion must take place in the presence of intense heat. Heat in quantity sufficient for a bomb was not available until the development of the A-bomb. Consequently, speculations on the structure of an H-bomb have assumed that it would be triggered by a smaller A-bomb.

While the H-bomb potentially holds the world's biggest man-made blast, actually A-bombs produce bigger explosions pound for pound. The hitch in increasing the explo-

sive effect of A-bombs is the critical limit on their size. If explosive material is assembled beyond a certain quantity, it sets itself off.

There is no such critical ceiling on the H-bomb, except convenience

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by Warren Goodrich



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and the quantity of explosive materials available at a given time. Hydrogen atoms have been fused many times on a laboratory scale since 1935 to form helium. But these laboratory experiments took more energy to produce than they released after the fusion.

The guarded announcements by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission of progress in H-bomb research and Saturday's claim by Soviet Premier Georgi M. Malenkov that Russia has mastered the trick indicate this problem is being or has been overcome.

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