

COLLEGE TRAINING

PLANS COMPLETED

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McNutt Says Selected Men in Armed Services Will Be Given Education.

Washington, Dec. 14.— (UP) — Plans have been completed to train selected members of the armed forces at Universities and colleges in medicine and other sciences necessary "to safeguard our present and future," War Manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt disclosed today.

He told a press conference that full details will be announced as soon as the program is in the hands of college and university officials, probably late this week.

The plan was worked out by the WMC and the armed services. It will provide for "proper utilization" of existing education facilities and will "protect those youths who can make the best contribution in medicine and the sciences," he said.

Liberal Arts Training Also

Training in liberal arts will be continued, he said, because that field is as essential to the future as are the sciences.

"What we are trying to do is safeguard our present and future," he said. "We are concerned not only with the needs of the Army and Navy but also with the needs of industry and Government."

He declined further comment but it is understood the program envisages training for some 250,000 men who would be supervised, clothed and fed by the Army and Navy. The program will not interfere with officer training programs of the armed forces which are in operation now at colleges throughout the nation.

Regarding the draft problem, McNutt said a decision on size of the armed forces was reached in recent conferences with the joint chiefs of staff, but that he could not discuss it.

"The die is cast—beyond that I can make no comment."

Chance to Choose Service

Men called for induction will be given a chance to express a choice of service in the Army, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard now that voluntary enlistments have been halted, he said. The final decision will be made at the Army's induction centre.

Recruiting of seamen for the merchant marine will continue through the U. S. Employment Service since that branch definitely is not part of the armed forces and men cannot be drafted for service, he said.

Meanwhile, Marine Corps headquarters announced that men who filed bona-fide applications for enlistment on or before Dec. 5 will be accepted by that service until noon tomorrow. All voluntary enlistments of men 18 to 37, inclusive, will be suspended at that time and quotas for enlisted men, candidates for officer training and aviation flight training will be handled through Selective Service channels.

Youths of 17 who meet requirements and have parental consent still may apply for general enlist-

ment, while men 38 and over may enlist for special duty if they have special qualifications.