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70 SCHOOLS REVERT TO CIVILIAN STATUS

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Army Air Force Training Ordered Discontinued at Some Colleges

Washington, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The Army Air Forces will return to civilian users 70 colleges utilized in the college training program and 14 civilian contract schools used in the pilot training program.

The War Department, announcing this tonight, said that students now in training at these institutions will complete their courses, but that in future no new AAF students will be accepted for training at these establishments.

The department said the move was in conformance with General H. H. Arnold's recent report in which he stated that "as the war continues, emphasis will naturally shift from training of vast numbers of new men to the training of replacements."

The AAF emphasized that "elimination of any particular college or civilian contract school does not reflect dissatisfaction relative to the performance of the school."

The AAF training program was established, the department said, on a basis whereby trainees travel every month from basic training centres to colleges and from colleges to pre-flight schools.

Among colleges to be released are: Colby, Waterville, Me.; Massachusetts State, Amherst, Mass.; Springfield, Springfield, Mass.; St. Anselm's, Manchester, N. H.; Norwich College, Northfield, Vt., and the University of Vermont.