

MEETING WITH FATHER MURPHY
RECTOR of BOSTON COLLEGE

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PURPOSE:

To discover Boston College's experience in their contract with the Army.

FINDINGS

1. The Army and Navy Contracts are the SAME ; they differ in the INTERPRETATION of the items.

LOCAL contract representatives have always in the back of their heads HOW WILL THIS CONTRACT GO IN WASHINGTON.

Fordham, Georgetown, Boston College, and, Holy Cross have both Army and Navy between them. They compare notes. Hence they should have some definite knowledge of both the Army and the Navy Contracts.

Fordham has signed its contract; hence President of Fordham is coming next week to talk with Fr. Murphy of Boston College on his experience.

Father Murphy has invited me to sit in with him after he talks with President of Fordham.

2. Holy Cross has NOT signed its contract with the Navy . It is still holding off on the item of salaries.

3. Father Murphy told me that when the Western Colleges were negotiating their contracts with the Army and Naval , the latter two tried to hold them down to the status of religious in the matter of salaries. But these college would not sign on that basis. Hence they agreed to pay salaries.

4. These salaries can be based on:

- (1) The sum of the total cost of maintenance of each religious which includes every item, living, clothing, vacations, sickness, etc.
- (2) The basis paid to the pay professors.

5. Fordham University has signed on the basis for the religious on the basis paid to the pay professors because in that area this would be the higher.
6. Father Maxwell of Holy Cross BELIEVES he will base the salaries for his religious on the total cost of maintaining each one.
7. Father mentioned a Joseph A. McHenry :
 He told me he was one on Army contracts.
 The only Catholic he knew was doing this work.
 Said he was a good fellow to know and that the Treasurer of Boston College had consulted him.
 I asked where he could be contacted.
 Fr. Murphy called Treasurer's Office, but he was not in.
 So I found out that it is:
 Joseph A. McHenry
 75 Federal St.
 Boston, Mass.
 Tel. Bencon 1300
 Ext. 553.
 I called for an appointment with him.
 He is out of town will not returned until PERHAPS Wednesday.

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1. Father Murphy told me Boston College wanted to be approved for BASIC ENGINEERING.
 BUT when the soldiers arrived he found out a certain number were for Basic Engineering and, the others were for Foreign Languages.
 He has been trying to get some PRE-MEDICALS so as to use the Laboratories. But has been unsuccessful so far.
 2. He said to me "WHO IS THIS GEN. DALTON--I know he is running the thing"
 "I tried to contact him but every time I was steered on to Beukema.
 I told him Gen Dalton was a busy man.
 3. He said something about the hours of teaching being cut down to 16.