

REPORT OF MY SECOND TRIP TO WASHINGTON--Jan. 9, 1943  
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THE SITUATION AND THE PERSONS INVOLVED IN COLLEGE PROGRAM  
AT PRESENT

WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION

Paul V. McNutt  
Chief

Watson B. Miller  
Deputy Federal Security  
Administrator

J. Farrell Coyle  
Head for Rhode Island of  
War Manpower

E. Sydney Hackett present head for R.I. to be  
removed and Coyle appointed next Tuesday or  
Wednesday.

JOINT COMMITTEE FOR COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

For War Manpower Commission:

Dr. Edward C. Elliott, Chairman  
Dr. Fred Kelley  
Dr. Paul Webbink

For the Army

Col. Herman Beukema, Senior Member  
Lt. Col. B. R. Van Keed.  
Major F. Parkman

For the Navy:

Capt. Bruce L. Canaga, Senior Member  
Commander J. C. Webb  
Lt. Gen. A. C. Eurich

VISITED SENATOR HENRY CABOT LODGE, JR.:

The one important piece of information I received from him was his strong suspicion that the key program was actually under the war manpower commission and that the key man would be found there.

VISITED BRIG. GEN. JOSEPH DALTON:

He imparted to me the following information:

1. That the American Council on Education did not at any time draw up a list of colleges to be selected.
2. The Army asked the American Council to perform the following:
  - (1) To recommend men highly qualified in the various fields of education which would be needed by the Army.
  - (2) These Professors worked with the Army Staff drawing up subjects which should be taught in the various courses. They have already drawn up 7 or 8 courses.
3. In selecting the colleges the Army is following two courses
  - (1) They will use college that it is already using under the ROTC and which are prepared to teach highly technical subjects.  
These constituted about 20 college and universities which were decided upon Jan. 7, 1943 ; not yet published.
  - (2) The selection of colleges not yet used by the Army will be those to which 70,000 or 80,000 men will be sent for pre-pre-flight training.  
These men will be capable of doing only Freshman work, and, some hardly equipped to do that.
4. The Army is desirous to getting colleges with a compact unit
5. He told me that the important men were:
  - (1) Watson B. Miller---War Manpower Commission.
  - (2) Edward B. Elliott, Chairman
  - (3) Col. Herman Beukema
  - (4) Captain Bruce L. Canaga

The New Colleges which are to be used have not yet been selected.

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 Visited Col Herman Beukema and he confirmed Gen. Dalton's set up, but, did not deal as extensively as Dalton.

VISITED BRUCE L. CANAGA (NAVY)

He told me the following:

1. The Navy as yet has not selected any colleges
2. In about 2 weeks it hopes to select the 8 Engineering Colleges. But there is a great lack of Engineering Colleges.
3. The minimum of students to be sent to a college is now 400 but he thinks this will be reduced to 300 or 200.
4. Providence College which can handle 500 tanks be sure of being selected.
5. The number of students to be educated will not be 250,000 but about 400,000.
6. He spoke of all those who KNOW the colleges have been selected --the case of the Senator---and Mr.White in in Lodge's Office.
7. Program is huge and will not get moving before March or April.

Canaga was very cooperative and asked us to drop him a line on any information we wanted.

VISITED BRIG?GEN.KELLER E. ROCKY ---U.S .Marines.

- . The Gen,left for California Dec.30,1942.  
He will not return until Jan.21st.  
In his place I talked to Col.Robert G.Kilmartin,Jr.  
He informed me that the Marines were included in the Navy and came under their supervision.

VISITED EDWARD HIGGINS; SECRETARY TO SEN. GREEN:

- 1. I asked him if he knew who constituted the Joint Committee.
- 2. He did not know, so I gave him a copy of the names.

But he did give me the following valuable information:

- 1. That the program would be controlled from the War Manpower Commission .
- 2. That Watson B. Miller was the KEY man.
- 3. That E. Sydney Hackett was to be removed and J. Farrell Coyle is to be appointed on Jan. 12 or 13th.
- 4. That all manpower will be moved into Rhode Island through Coyle.
- 5. Coyle will make the recommendations to Miller who is a particular friend of Eddie Higgins.
- 6. With this set up Providence College will get the students it wants.

*I am to meet Higgins at Murray Hotel Friday  
Jan 15th*