

Report to Faculty Meeting

Dec.11,1942

1. Contrary to some opinion it is not the intention of the Army, Navy, or Government to close up the Liberal Arts Colleges. In fact they are to be used by the Army and Navy

This attitude was attested to me:

(1) By Col Beukema who will execute the Government Policy toward the College when it is completed by the General Staff operating under Brigadier General Joseph N?Dalton. Col Beukema asserted to me the Army will send young men to the colleges for specific courses of training desired by the Army. The execution of the plan will be faulty at first with a limited number of students chosen, but it will grow in scope and thus more courses will be demanded and more students sent to the colleges.

(2) Charles H. Clarke, liaison representative of the National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel in the War Manpower commission asserted the same opinion

This National Roster is the agency which will supply the Army and Navy with complete information about the Colleges of the United States. It is composed for our purposes of Leonard Carmichael, President of Tufts College, assisted by Alfred B. Bonds, Head of the Educational Survey Unit, and, Charles Clarke, liaison representative. I met these men personally and had a long long talk with them. This body will send to the College early next week a questionnaire which will ask for data on the physical ~~and~~ equipment of the college with reference to housing, feeding, and training students; will ask also about the courses which the college provides.

These questionnaires from all the college will be send back to the National Roster and, from them the Army and Navy will obtain the information they want in creating their plan for using the colleges.

Since the Dalton Staff have not yet received this information and, because of other difficulties the Government plan is not completed, Hence there are no college chosen yet.

When the Dalton Staff complete the plan it is to be announced in newspapers either by the President or the Sec. of War Mr. Stimson. Brigadier General Joseph N. Dalton and Major General James A. Ulio, The Adjutant General, both promised us sincere cooperation. ~~These gentlemen~~ I was introduced to these men by Col. Robert Collins, Director and Supervisor of the entire New England Services of U.S. Army

Between the period of completion of the Army plan and its execution the list of colleges which are to be selected and to which students will be sent will be drawn up. This is the point at which the colleges will use any influence they have to be placed on the list. It is the real period of strife.

As our representative at this period we have been fortunate in obtaining the sincere cooperation of Frank C. Walker, Post Master General of the U.S. He promised me that he would place our case on the desk of Sec. of War Stimson, or on the desk where it will receive immediate action. A few notes on Mr. Walker might be of interest:

He is President of the M.P. Comerford Moving Picture corp. a circuit as extensive as Paramount or Loews

I met him 15 years ago at 1500 Broadway, N.Y.

He was the state Treasury for the Democratic Party in N.Y. State when Mr. Roosevelt was Elected Gov.

He was the National Treasury during the fund raising period for Mr. Roosevelt's election in 1932.

He contributed the first amount of money to Mr. Roosevelt's presidential campaign in 1932. He gave personally \$25,000

He went through the Country and raise the money which built the Library on the Hyde Park Estate which houses the President's paper etc..

He has served in many personal capacities for the President

Being such a personal friend of the President and Cabinet member with Mr. Stimson, Sec. Of war, I hope our case reaches the right place and receives action.

Mr. Walker has promised to bring up other reserves if necessary.

There is one element of caution I wish to add.

The battle is still ahead, and, as Mr. Churchill said he never prophesies about battles until they are fought.

~~Somehow we have made good preparation for the battle,~~

So while we believe we have made good preparation for the battle, we should not prophesy its results until the fight is over.

*Capt. F. U. Lake of the Navy promise us cooperation
over the telephone in a call by Sen. D. J. Walsh.*