

# The President's Page

THE SEVENTY-SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE

OWING to circumstances beyond our control, it became necessary to cancel the 72d General Conference which was scheduled to be held at the Shamrock Hotel in Houston, Texas, 27-30 Oct., 1950. It was with real regret that this step was taken because a great deal of time and effort had been put forth by the Officers of the Texas National Guard and the National Guard Association in perfecting arrangements for the Conference. It was evident, too, that the Houston Conference would have been outstanding in every respect, with an attendance far beyond the ordinary; and certain it was, too, that the facilities of the Shamrock would have left nothing to be desired. The advent of the Korean emergency with the progressive mobilization of the National Guard soon demonstrated that the holding of a General Conference comparable with those of past years would be out of the question.

It was then determined to emulate the precedent established in 1940 when the Conference scheduled to be held at San Antonio, Texas, was switched to Washington, D. C., and accordingly arrangements have been perfected for the holding of a streamlined conference at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, 23-24-25 Oct., 1950. Because of limited hotel accommodations and for other reasons, it became necessary to limit attendance at the Conference to the Adjutants General, United States Property and Disbursing Officers, and 30% of the authorized Delegates, or approximately 300 persons. The Call of the Conference and instructions pertinent thereto have been transmitted to the States, Territories and the District of Columbia.

There will be two sessions on each of the three days of the Conference. All of the sessions will be closed, with admission limited to those who are members of the National Guard Association, certain personnel of the Regular Armed Forces, and the Distinguished Guests who are to address the Conference. In view of the limited time at the disposal of the Conference and due to a rather heavy agenda, there will be no extra-curricular activities and the conduct of the Conference will be limited strictly to business.

It is urgent that the States which have not as yet made application through the Association for hotel reservations do so without delay. Such applications should contain the names of those for whom reservations are desired, double or single rooms,

and the date and time of arrival, i.e., morning or afternoon. It is further desired that each State submit, in a separate communication, the name of a Delegate to serve on each of the Conference Committees on Resolutions, Nominations, and Time and Place. In addition, each State should submit at the earliest practicable date such resolutions as they desire to have considered. It is further requested that subjects to be placed on the Agenda be submitted at the earliest practicable date.

The Conference is fortunate in that it will be addressed by the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Army, Secretary of the Air Force, Chief of Staff of the Army, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Commanding General of the Army Field Forces; Chief, National Guard Bureau; Commanding General of the Continental Air Command, National Director of Selective Service, Members of Congress and other high officials of the Departments of the Army and the Air Force. It is essential that time be conserved wherever possible since the conference will be limited to six sessions instead of the customary eight; accordingly, the reports of the Officers and of the Standing and Special Committees of the Association will be prepared in advance and contained in the envelopes of the Delegates to be perused at their leisure, instead of being read to the Conference. Chairmen of these Committees are reminded that if their reports have not been submitted as yet, they should be submitted without delay.

It is believed that all concerned will find that the business to be transacted at the General Conference will be of great importance and attendance will be well worth while. It is regretted, extremely, that it was necessary to limit the attendance in any way, but perhaps when another year has rolled around and the time comes for the 73d General Conference at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City, conditions will have returned to some degree of normalcy and those members of the National Guard who are or may be in the active military service of the United States will have returned to their peacetime pursuits.

*E. Walsh*

"As long as there are wars between men, they will be fought by men. There is not within the visible future any form of supersonic salvation from the human sacrifice war entails."—General Omar N. Bradley.

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*Dear Guardsmen;*

The author of the article on the reorganization of the Air Guard under the Combat Wing structure qualifies as an expert on his subject. Lt. Col. Robert A. Porter has bird-dogged the project for more than two years. When Air Force switched over to this kind of organization, work started immediately on plans to bring the Air Guard into line. Devising the right kind of program for the "weekend warriors" has been a continuing project since then.

And now, in this issue, we say farewell to another field training season—and another rasslin' match with hundreds of pictures. A few weeks ago, we had 230 and then stopped counting. Some outfits may be disappointed because they're not represented, but we didn't get a single picture from some States while others sent us dozens. We played no favorites. The only basis for selection is quality: good photography, action, life, human interest.

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*The Staff*

### OUR COVER

M-Day means Mobilization Day, and it also means Moving Day for untold (for security reasons) thousands of National Guardsmen who have been and are being blanketed into active Federal service with their units. And, as anyone who has been through it knows, Moving Day means an awful big job of packing and crating and painting and loading. Eighteen-year-old Pvt. Charles H. Springston of Parkesburg, W. Va., of Co. A, 1092d Engr. (C) Bn., is shown doing his stuff with a paint brush while preparing to ship to Ft. Campbell, Ky. (Photo by Paul Jack for WVANG).

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