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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

General Bernard K. Rogers, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, surely has earned an additional measure of respect from his military colleagues and from Americans at large by saying, recently, what so badly needed saying by a person of national stature about the fatal flaw in our capability for mobilization—lack of an effective Selective Service.

Speaking to an audience where his words could heavily influence national policy, a U.S. Senate Armed Services sub-committee, General Rogers eschewed the temptation to sugar-coat his warning. It is absolutely essential for us to restore the Selective Service System to an operational capability, he said, and thus restore our manpower base for mobilization. The Army's top general told the Senators:

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### The Army Chief of Staff— And the Virtues of Saying What Needs to be Said

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—General Bernard K. Rogers  
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understrength, particularly the Army Guard (ARNG) and Army Reserve (USAR). The ARNG has fallen to 347,340 and the USAR to 188,990, or a combined total of 165,000 trained people below their wartime requirement of 701,000.

In response to senatorial questions, General Rogers estimated the Army requirement for a major conflict at 700,000 trained individuals. As of the end of 1978, its total strength was 182,000! His estimate of 700,000 was based on the need to flesh out understrength Active, Guard and Reserve units on M-Day, replace the heavy toll of combat casualties that could be expected in the early weeks

of a high-intensity NATO war, and provide a nucleus for new units, to give the Army a capability for combat beyond those early weeks.

With IRR strength now standing at one-fourth of the requirement—and many of the existing number not reachable, or no longer qualified, or not in the needed MOS—there is only one alternative. ARNG and USAR units are the IRR for the time being. For a major mobilization, they'd all be mobilized, but most units would be stripped of trained personnel, to be used as fillers and replacements in other units. That would destroy most Guard and Reserve units, and with them destroy the Army's ability to fight beyond the first few weeks.

Drafting for the IRR would also produce the bonus, as General Rogers told the senators, of influencing young people to enlist voluntarily in units of the Active forces and Guard/Reserves.

Department of Defense officials talk confidently of recalling hundreds of thousands of retired personnel and veterans, but military and Congressional specialists regard that as mere wishful thinking. They might become a military asset later in a conflict, but not in its opening weeks, as DoD contemplates.

That's the story. It explains why General Rogers felt deeply enough to state his views in stark, uncompromising terms, without submerging his warning in the usual Washington euphemisms and equivocations. It's what NGAUS and other organizations of like mind have been saying for sometime. We are delighted, and proud, to find ourselves in the company of someone of General Rogers' integrity and stature.

His concern—and ours—is not unfounded. It is not the jingoistic rhetoric of military hard-liners. We are confronted by a real problem, posing real peril, and it would be irresponsible in the extreme to ignore it.

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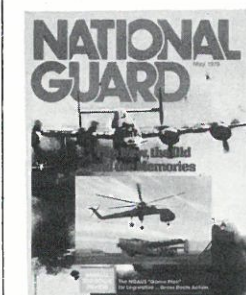
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