THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

THE CONGRESS

A RECENT highlight in the Congress was the initial meeting of the Special Committee on Reserve Components of the House Armed Services Committee to consider the operation and procedure of the recently established Committee on Civilian Compensation in the Department of the Army. The Committee held its first official session on October 15th. All components of the Armed Forces were represented at the meeting in question, including the National Guard Association and the National Guard Bureau. The hearing was most satisfactory in all respects and there was evident a spirit of harmony and cooperation that augured well, not only for the future operations of the Policy Board, but for the continued operation of the National Guard Association as a result of the unanimous conclusion of the Special Committee that the Board should be given a reasonable length of time, at least until January or beyond, in which to demonstrate what it could do.

The Special Committee directed that the Board report periodically to the Committee with reference to its plans and considerations. Prior to the hearing, the Secretary of Defense announced the appointment of Mr. William T. Faricy, President of the Association of American Railroads as Chairman and offered a hearing, the appointment of Colonel Luke Finley of New York, associated with the Standard Oil Company, as the Executive Officer.

All of the new officers were invited to attend the National Guard Association's annual meeting in December, to be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City. The National Guard Association Policy Board has a golden opportunity to render a great service where the reserve components of the Armed Forces are concerned, and to this end there is a definite desire on the part of the Regular and reserve components to do the fullest possible service for the National Guard Association.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

The past month has witnessed many changes in the Department of the Army as the result of the selection of General Omar N. Bradley to be Chief of the American Forces in Europe. This choice, by the President was almost a foregone conclusion, for no man in all the Nation stands higher in the affection of the American people than does the former Chief of Staff of the Army. His appointment was a fitting recognition of his great abilities and significant contributions to the welfare and security of the Nation. The National Guard, like all other branches of our Armed Forces, has its great honor reserved for such a man, but nevertheless regrets its separation from the Army. During his tour of duty as Chief of Staff of the National Guard, on many occasions, brought to its attention its problems, and always found a most sympathetic ear and invariably he was able to find a solution.

General Bradley has been succeeded as Chief of Staff of the Army by General Lawrence Collins, former Vice Chief of Staff, and his appointment is indeed a well merited recognition by the President of his abilities as an administrator and of his distinguished services as a great field commander.

With the elevation of General Collins and the approaching retirement of General Jacob Devers as Chief of the Army Field Forces, numerous other changes in the high command of the Department of the Army are in process. General Mark Clark, who has been in command of the Sixth Army Area, succeeds General Devers and General Wade Haines, former Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, has been appointed for the position of General Collins as Vice Chief of Staff. To each, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and assure them of our unquestioned support. As General Devers retires we wish him long life and happiness.

MONTGOMERY

AS THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN goes to press, arrangements have been practically completed for the 71st General Conference at Montgomery, Ala., October 24-26-27th. Major General James S. Saliba and his Committee on General Arrangements have labored indefatigably and it is apparent that the Montgomery General Conference will be one of continuing and outstanding. The association is fortunate indeed in that an outstanding program, it will be honored by many distinguished guests who will address the Conference. Among our honored guests will be the President of the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the Army, Members of the Senate and the House, the Governor of Alabama, the Commanding Generals of the Third Army and Fourteenth Air Force, the National Director of Selective Service, the Chief, National Guard Bureau, the Mayor of Montgomery and others.

Detailed instructions as to the time and place, hotel reservations and landing of aircraft have been forwarded to the various Adjutants General. It is hoped that hotel reservations will be made without delay. The States, Territories and the District of Columbia are urged, if they have not already done so, to forward to the Association Offices in Washington a list of Delegates, Assignments to the Conference Committees on Nominations, Resolutions and Time and Place, and any subjects which they desire to have contained in the Agenda of the Conference.

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A. C. M. M. K.

Dear Guardsmen;

The problems keep running through our brain while we toil faithfully in bed: this picture's 7" deep by 4½ wide; we're going to fit it into a hole 2 3/8" deep by 4½ wide; will we crop off this guy's head or that oops here? there's a 12¢ and 14¢ clip and a fat 25¢ and a snappy shot from Indeck's; how will we make them so they'll look good on the same page? . . . does it come, if that newly every bearded toward the right instead of the left, it wouldn't look as if it was marching right off the page . . . this guy in action looks good, but we've got an average of just maybe a bit more than two days' shooting.

At least 684 times in the past three months—one for every three to five times in the past—our selection of 34 prints in August, 50 in September, and now, with everyone trying to do the best we could. We've picked up 88 pictures on 17 pages, not counting the cover. We've brought back the old tradition for colorful articles, dealing with reduction or enlargement of pix, that we picked up in Chicago.

If your State hasn't been represented in our layouts, it's only because no one sent us the photos. They've come from newspapers, amateur photographers, Army and Air Force technicians and civilian licensees. They've come in most every size from miniature to bulky enlargement.

(Note: 3 X 5 in. is best for most purposes.)

With every additional page, it seems, we've had to push more type and art into the holdover pages. The last time we sold, we back to the photos that were in the index to fill one issue, if we didn't write another line for a solid month. Authors get in a mess to see their stuff in print, but after all, field training comes only once a year, and we don't think you'll find any of us so self-centered as to tell what went on in the various camps, through hundreds of miles.

A lot of hard-working PIOs, professional and amateur licensees, have done a splendid job. We're not saying it's impossible, and we're truly appreciative of the bang-up job done on the field training pictures. None of us could have sent us.

Personally, however, as we shuffle through the mounting pile ofdiscard, we won't be unhappy if we don't see another field training picture until next summer.

THE STAFF

OUR COVER

If ever a guy was 'gung-ho,' it was Sergeant Coleman, after a tough, hot day of field training. And if ever there was anything it needed, it was a few English words. Unfortunately, he was still at it, after this one was seized by his helmet shelf. Sergeant Coleman is a member of Co. C, 126th Inf., and his home is in Oak Hill, W. Va.