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MILITARY DISCIPLINE

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1. Definition.—Military discipline is that mental attitude and state of training which render obedience and proper conduct instinctive under all conditions. It is founded upon respect for and loyalty to properly constituted authority. While it is developed primarily by military drill, every feature of military life has its effect on military discipline. It is generally indicated in an individual or unit by smartness of appearance and action; by cleanliness and neatness of dress, equipment, or quarters; by respect for seniors, and by the prompt and cheerful execution by subordinates of both the letter and the spirit of the legal orders of their lawful superiors.

2. General.—*a. Obedience to orders.*—All persons in the military service are required to obey strictly and to execute promptly the lawful orders of their superiors.

b. Military authority, how exercised.—Military authority will be exercised with promptness, firmness, kindness, and justice. Resort to trial by court martial or to punishment under the one hundred and fourth article of war will not be had for trivial offenses, except when less drastic methods of administering discipline have been tried in the case of the individual concerned, but without result. Such offenses which have been corrected, when brought to the attention of the officer concerned, need not be noted on the officer's record, and will be considered as closed incidents.

c. Military courtesy.—Courtesy among military men is indispensable to discipline; respect to superiors will be extended on all occasions.

d. Deliberations conveying praise or censure.—Deliberations or discussions among military men conveying praise or censure, or any mark of approbation toward others in the military service, and all publications relating to private or personal transactions between officers are prohibited.

e. Miscellaneous.

(1) (a) Officers of the Army will not use or permit to be used their military titles in connection with commercial enterprises of any kind.

(b) Officers of the Army will not engage in or permit their names to be connected with any activity incompatible with the status of an officer of the Army.

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Address in Behalf of National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis

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January 24, 1944

My dear Mr. President:

I enclose herewith your speech for this coming Saturday night over the air. It is a good speech. I did not write it.

Please be good enough to read it through fully before you start to change it. I am positive that, as it is, t will come over the air beautifully when delivered by you. great deal of time and effort has been put into it.

Please, please, do not send it to your hackers to perform an OOPHORECTOMY on it. I just couldn't stand that!

Ex-Judge Rosenman telephoned me from Washington this morning stating that you had requested him to request me to send the speech to him in Washington "so that he could go over it and make whatever changes were necessary." When I finally ascertained that he really wasn't kidding me I declined the offer.

Faithfully yours,

Basil O'Connor

Joe.

Enclosure

About 1050 words.

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TO ALL OF YOU, CELEBRATING TOGETHER TONIGHT THE FREE, UNTRAMMELED FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN -- MY WARMEST THANKS. I HAVE HAD BIRTHDAYS WITH A GOOD DEAL FEWER CANDLES GLOWING ON THE CAKE, BUT NONE SO INSPIRING AS THIS ONE, WITH MY GOOD FRIEND BASIL O'CONNOR HEADING THE CELEBRATIONS. THERE CAN BE NO FINER WAY OF SAYING HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ANY MAN. THANK YOU, GOOD PEOPLE OF AMERICA -- THANK YOU, FOR THE HOPE YOU HAVE GIVEN TO THE HANDICAPPED, FOR THE GREAT TOMORROW YOU ARE MAKING POSSIBLE FOR THE YOUNG OF OUR NATION, FOR THE HONOR YOU HAVE THUS BESTOWED UPON ME IN MAKING MY BIRTHDAY THE FOCAL POINT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST INFANTILE PARALYSIS.

THIS IS DEMOCRACY AT WORK -- THIS UNITE OF ALL THE PEOPLE TO EXTEND A HELPING HAND TO THOSE WHO ARE DISABLED, TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR YOUNG, OF OUR MANPOWER AND WOMANPOWER. IT IS TO PRESERVE THIS BASIC PRINCIPLE OF KINDLINESS, GOOD-WILL AND HELPFULNESS TOWARD ONE ANOTHER THAT WE AND OUR ALLIES ARE

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Radio Speech of the President Jan 29, 1943 (1)

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LET OUR ENEMIES LAUGH AT WHAT THEY TERM OUR DEMOCRATIC WEAKNESSES. LET THEM BOAST OF THEIR AGRESSIVE MIGHT, THEIR RUTHLESSNESS, THEIR CONFIDENCE OF WORLD CONQUEST, NOT SO BLATANTLY ASSERTED NOW AS IT WAS A YEAR AGO! WE ARE SILENCING THOSE BOASTS WITH DEEDS -- ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF RUSSIA, ITALY, CHINA AND THE ISLES OF THE PACIFIC.

WE IN AMERICA PLACE OUR CLAIMS TO LASTING GLORY IN OUR CHILDREN. THESE YOUNG, THESE LEADERS OF TOMORROW, WILL PROVE OUR WORTH AS A NATION TODAY. THEIR STRONG AND STALWART BODIES WILL GIVE EVIDENCE OF OUR UNREMITTING FIGHT AGAINST INFANTILE PARALYSIS. THEIR FREE AND COURAGEOUS MINDS WILL ATTEST TO OUR UNFLINCHING DETERMINATION IN THE ~~GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST BARBARISM.~~

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~~WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CHILDREN IN THE LAND WHERE THE SWASTIKA REIGNS?~~ YES -- THEY HAVE THEIR CELEBRATIONS -- BUT OF ANOTHER KIND. THEY DON'T CELEBRATE HITLER'S BIRTHDAY ANYMORE -- BUT THE LAST TIME THEY DID THE OCCASION WAS COMMEMORATED BY A SPECIAL CHILDREN'S BROADCAST, IN WHICH THE CAPTURED BELLS OF THE ~~STRASSBOURG~~

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CALLING ONE BILLION GERMAN BOYS AND GIRLS INTO THE HITLER YOUTH

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TO THOSE MILLION YOUTHS. SOME WERE HERDED INTO LABOR CAMPS AND

FACTORIES. THE OLDER BOYS WERE MADE GUARDS AND EXECUTIONERS.

OTHERS WERE SENT AS "CHILD TOURISTS" INTO THE OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

OF EUROPE TO SPY UPON THE INHABITANTS, TO REPORT ANY HIDDEN STALK

OF GRAIN OR CRUMB OF BREAD, ANY WORD OR MOVEMENT THAT MIGHT STRIKE

THE CHILDISH MIND AS DANGEROUS TO THE NAZI-OVERLORDS.

THESE WERE THE CHILDREN OF THE HERRENVOLK! BUT WHAT

OF THE UNFORTUNATE YOUNGSTERS BORN IN LANDS OUTSIDE OF GERMANY --

THOSE DESTINED TO BE THE SLAVES? WE HAVE READ THE ANSWER IN THE

GLAZED AND HOPELESS EYES, THE SHRUNKEN BELLIES AND BEATEN BODIES

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FRUIT

FRUIT THE TREE OF FASCISM HAS BORNE IN THE NUMBERLESS CORPSES OF CHILDREN LYING ON THE FROZEN STEPPES OF RUSSIA, IN THE BLEAK GHETTOS OF POLAND, IN THE GRAY ASHES AND CRUMBLED RUINS OF COVENTRY. AND WE HAVE SEEN THE JAPANESE VERSION IN THE ORPHANED MILLIONS AND BOMBED-OUT CITIES OF CHINA. THE WORLD WILL NOT FORGET WHAT HITLER AND HIS ITALIAN AND JAPANESE SATELLITES HAVE DONE TO CHILDREN. THEY SHALL BE AVENGED BY THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE ~~ENEMY~~ dread disease WE BATTLE AT HOME, LIKE THE ~~ONE~~ enemy WE OPPOSE ABROAD, SHOWS NO CONCERN, NO PITY FOR THE YOUNG. ~~OUR STRUGGLE AGAINST INFANTILE PARALYSIS HAS PROVED BEYOND A DOUBT THAT THIS ELUSIVE DISEASE STRIKES WITH GREATEST FREQUENCY AND HAVOC AMONG CHILDREN.~~ It strikes with its most frequent and devastating force — against children. THAT IS WHY much of THE FUTURE STRENGTH OF AMERICA DEPENDS ~~IN LARGE MEASURE~~ UPON THE SUCCESS WE ACHIEVE IN COMBATTING THIS DISEASE.

TONIGHT, I AM HAPPY TO RECEIVE THE REPORT THAT YOUR GENEROUS AID HAS MADE POSSIBLE ANOTHER YEAR OF PROGRESS AGAINST THIS DREAD MALADY. WE ARE PREPARED TO FIGHT IT WITH THE PLANNED STRATEGY OF A MILITARY CAMPAIGN -- NOT ONLY BECAUSE THE ENEMY IS A MERCILESS

MERCILESS AND INSIDIOUS ONE, BUT BECAUSE THE ~~HEIGHTENED~~ DANGER OF EPIDEMIC IN WARTIME MAKES ~~PROTECTIVE MEASURES~~ this fight an ACTUAL MILITARY NECESSITIES.

~~A~~ A to be transposed to page 7.

THE DOLLARS AND DIMES YOU CONTRIBUTE ARE THE VICTORY BONDS THAT BUY THE AMMUNITION FOR THIS FIGHT AGAINST DISEASE — JUST AS THE WAR BONDS YOU PURCHASE HELP TO FINANCE THE FIGHT AGAINST TYRANNY.

THE TIRELESS MEN AND WOMEN WORKING NIGHT AND DAY OVER TEST TUBES AND MICROSCOPES, SEARCHING FOR DRUGS, ~~CHEMICALS,~~ and SERUMS, for METHODS THAT WILL PREVENT AND CURE — THESE ARE THE ~~SOLDIERS~~ workers in the war against disease. ON THE PRODUCTION LINE, THE GALLANT CHAPTER WORKERS, THE DOCTORS AND NURSES IN AMERICA'S HOSPITALS, THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS, THE ~~VALIANT~~ VOLUNTEERS WHO GO INTO EPIDEMIC AREAS TO ~~LIGHTEN THE BURDEN OF~~ help THE PHYSICIAN -- THESE ARE THE FRONT-LINE FIGHTERS.

AND JUST AS IN WAR — THERE IS THAT OTHER SUBTLE WEAPON THAT MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE SPELLS VICTORY OR DEFEAT FOR ONE OR THE OTHER OF THE COMBATANTS. THAT WEAPON IS MORALE — THE MORALE OF

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(A) from p 6

THE FACT THAT TONIGHT WE ARE ABLE TO CELEBRATE ANOTHER MILESTONE TOWARD OUR GOAL IS DUE TO THE VALOR AND SACRIFICE OF OUR FIGHTING FORCES, AND THOSE OF OUR ALLIES. THEY ARE MAKING SURE THAT OUR WORK IN THE CONQUEST OF DISEASE SHALL NOT BE IN VAIN. THEY ARE KEEPING THE LAMP OF LIBERTY BURNING, THE ONLY LIGHT BY WHICH SCIENCE CAN MOVE FORWARD. IT IS TO THEM THAT OUR DEEPEST THANKS MUST GO.

I KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU — NO MATTER WHERE YOUR POST MAY BE IN THIS WAR — BELIEVE THAT THE CAUSE OF OUR CHILDREN IS A SACRED ONE. I KNOW YOU WILL AGREE WITH ME THAT THERE IS NO MORE BEAUTIFUL SIGHT THAN THE SWIFT, RHYTHMIC MOVEMENTS OF BOYS AND GIRLS AT PLAY — NO SWEETER MUSIC, THAN THEIR CAREFREE LAUGHTER. THUS IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN AMERICA. THUS, WITH GOD'S HELP, IT ALWAYS SHALL BE.

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~~Loan Stamp Hit~~

The outpouring of American dollars ~~not~~ in this Fourth War Bond Drive will ~~not only~~ assure that superiority of fighting equipment with which we shall blast our way to Berlin, and Tokyo, ~~and Tokyo but also~~ will also serve notice ~~to~~ ~~the Jap~~ ~~[illegible] that their efforts~~ That we Americans are irrevocably united in ~~this~~ determination to end this war as quickly as possible in the unconditional surrender of ~~the~~ our enemies. Every one of us has a chance to participate in victory ~~a speedy victory~~ by buying War Bonds.

RADIO SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT, JANUARY 29, 1944.

Tonight, on behalf of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, I wish to express heartfelt thanks to all of you who have contributed your dimes and your dollars to further the fight against a cruel disease -- a disease which strikes primarily against little children.

The generous participation of the American people in this fight is a sign of the healthy condition of our Nation. It is democracy in action. The unity of our people in helping those who are disabled, in protecting the welfare of our young, in preserving the eternal principle of kindliness -- all of this is evidence of our fundamental strength -- the strength with which we are meeting our enemies throughout the world.

Early in our history, we realized that the basic wealth of our land is in its healthy, enlightened children, trained to assume the responsibilities and enjoy the privileges of a democracy. The well-being of our youth is indeed our foremost concern -- their health and happiness our enduring responsibility. If any become handicapped from any cause, we are determined that they shall be properly cared for and guided to full and useful lives.

How different it is in the lands of our enemies! In Germany and Japan, those who are handicapped in body or mind are regarded as unnecessary

burdens to the state. An individual's usefulness is measured solely by the direct contribution he can make to the war machine -- not by his service to a society at peace.

The dread disease we battle at home, like the enemy we oppose abroad, shows no concern, no pity for the young. It strikes -- with its most frequent and devastating force -- against children. That is why much of the future strength of America depends upon the success we achieve in combating this disease.

Tonight, I am happy to receive the report that your generous aid has made possible another year of progress against this dread malady. We are prepared to fight it with the planned strategy of a military campaign -- not only because the enemy is a merciless and insidious one, but because the danger of epidemic in wartime makes this fight an actual military necessity.

The tireless men and women working night and day over test tubes and microscopes -- searching for drugs and serums, for methods that will prevent and cure -- these are the workers on the production line in this war against disease. The gallant chapter workers, the doctors and nurses in our hospitals, the public health officials, the volunteers who go into epidemic areas to help the physician -- these are the front-line fighters.

And just as in war — there is that subtle weapon that, more than anything else, spells victory or defeat. That weapon is morale — the morale of a people who know that they are fighting "the good fight" — that they are keeping the faith — the only faith through which civilization can survive — the faith that man must live to help and not to destroy his fellowmen.

The dollars and dimes you contribute are the victory bonds that buy the ammunition for this fight against disease — just as the war bonds you purchase help to finance the fight against tyranny.

We are engaged now in the Fourth War Bond campaign. The outpouring of American dollars in this campaign will assure that superiority of fighting equipment with which we shall blast our way to Berlin and Tokyo. It will also serve notice that we Americans are irrevocably united in determination to end this war as quickly as possible in the unconditional surrender of our enemies. Every one of us has a chance to participate in victory by buying War Bonds.

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February 1, 1944

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT ON THE SIGNING OF S. 1543, An Act To provide for mustering-out payments to members of the armed forces, and for other purposes".

The Mustering-Out Payment Bill which I have just signed is a step in the comprehensive program that I recommended on July 28, 1943 and again on October 27, 1943 and November 23, 1943, for the special protection of the members of the armed forces. It will ease the period of transition from military to civilian life, by providing the funds immediately needed to enable our service men and women to look for jobs and resume their peace-time pursuits.

It is an important first step in the program of demobilization. The other measures recommended in the program, however, should also be adopted.

The Federal Government should make it financially possible, for example, for members of the armed forces to resume their interrupted studies and to educate and train themselves for peace-time jobs and responsibilities. The future welfare of this nation requires that we promptly make good the educational deficit created by this war.

We must also provide our service men and women with social security credits for the period of their military service, so that they may fully enjoy the benefits of the social security laws upon their return to civilian life.

We must make our plans now and take all necessary steps to see to it that there will be good jobs awaiting our returning service men and women. But we must anticipate that there may be unemployment during the period of reconversion, and we must therefore establish now suitable machinery for the payment of reasonable unemployment allowances to those veterans who are unable to obtain jobs within a reasonable period after their discharge.