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despite what most people said, the

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HOW READY ARE WE

this country and check aggressive ex-pansion by Soviet Russia throughout try would have been prpared to meet defense? the world.

will support the action of Congress in tory. passing a Communist-espionage-sabo-

Union and its satellites.

ence of opinion as to the workability sities and instruction and training in of this legislation, indicated by the acthe National Guard. tion of the President in vetoing the bill submitted by Congress.

We are not concerned with either tion" except as to universal military of the legislative matters referred to training. It was based upon long because, after all, if enforceable, they hearings, held when memories were may do some good and if unenforcefresh with the experience of the terriable, may do little harm. The danger ble war, and it appeared that the nathat arises, however, is that the public, tion might, at last, take a long step despite its firm intention to oppose forward in the matter of prepared-

Communism and Soviet aggression, ness for defense. may conclude that much more has been accomplished than the future will disclose. Consequently, there is the danger that an aroused public opinion may sit back and take it for granted that the menace of Communistic aggression has been adequately cared for.

from 280,000 to 185,000. Eight months In this frame of mind, the people later, the Army's strength was cut to are apt to overlook the importance of 150,000 and still later to 125,000. The universal military training to strengthen the national defense. Deprogram of training was continued and the Army had to assign some of spite the high-sounding declarations its officer personnel to this task which that accompanied debate on the two meant its combat effectiveness was measures, the only sensible preparadecreased. tion for stopping Communistic aggression is to be prepared to use force. Without universay military training, tively recent developments, General one may doubt whether this country Marshall pointed out that the move will ever have an adequate number ment to build up an air force resulted of trained men, ready to fight for in the recommendation of the Newton individual freedom and to block Soviet D. Baker Committee. No provision was made, however, for the personnel aggression.

Speaking after his appointment as Secretary of Defense, General of the Army George C. Marshall pointed out that infantry, artillery, the tank corps and our higher elements were dethat, after World War I, a bill was pleted. By 1983 "there literally was introduced in Congress to provide for universal military training. Of course, the bill did not pass but General Mar-shall expresses the opinion that if be understood fro man example cited

Congress had enacted the proposal, by General Marshall. A regiment was Hitler would not have dared to pro-ordered to move about twelve hundred voke a second World War and the miles in order to consolidate compresent menace of a third war conflict mands. There was no money for transwould have been averted.

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portation, so it marched, "with its If the people of this country are in dwindling companies." It lost several earnest in their declarations against units before it was half way its des-Communism, they will demand that tination and when it reached the new the country follow the advice submit- post "the entire regiment was elimited to the first Congress in 1790 by nated." This was pretty much the President George Washington. He picture of the ground forces of the gave a plan for complete national de. Army" when General Marshall arrived

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fense based on the principle that in

Some nine months later, however,

Congress was confronted with the po-

litical problem of the national budget

an dan increase in taxation to support

its defense program. What happened

Congress cut appropriations, making

necessary a reduction of the Army

Continuing his recital of compari-

tively recent developments, General

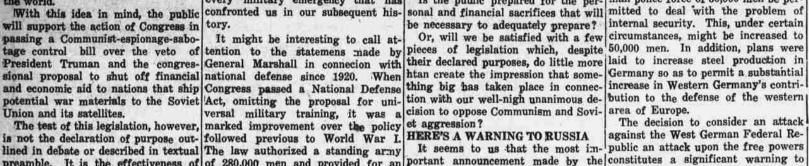
our lesson despite another catastrophic World War." TO FIGHT THE REDS? The people of the United States are apparently overwhelmingly in support of any action by the government which Baself-governing republic, every able-bodied young man should be trained to defend his country. The advice of General Washington was not followed With which we started this rather long discussion. Have the people of the United States, in the light of events the treaty into operation. The new declaration, inextending the definition, makes it clear that an at-tack against the West Germans, whe-United States, in the light of events will control Communist activities in but, if it had been acted upon by Con- of the last year, made up their minds tacked, will be met by the armed to adequately prepare for self- forces of the three governments.

every military emergency that has Is the public prepared for the per-With this idea in mind, the public confronted us in our subsequent his-

It might be interesting to call atversal military training, it was a cision to oppose Communism and Sovi- area of Europe.

The test of this legislation, however, is not the declaration of purpose out-lined in debate or described in textual The law authorized a standing army is set us that the most in preamble. It is the effectiveness of of 280,000 men and provided for an portant announcement made by the constitutes a significant warning to

that this was "reasonably sound ac-|man Federal Republic will be regarded used to stop the attack. The plain



enforcement after the legislation is elaborate Reserve Officers Training foreign ministers of the United States, Soviet Russia. Under this declaration, passed. There i considerable differ- Corps system in colleges and univer- Great Britain and France, during their we presume, if the Soviet-sponsored recent conference, is that which makes forces of East Germany commit agplain the determination that an act gression against the West Germans, of aggression against the West Ger- the forces of the free nations will be

It is also agreed that a West German police force of 30,000 men be per-



as an attack upon the United States, intent of the declaration is to give' Never try to imitate somebody a great Britain and France. The North Atlantic Treaty, one may from East Germans or from Russians, in Washington in 1988. General Marshall points ou that, Great Britain and France. The North Atlantic Treat. Never try to imitate somebody else

ed their lesson from the firt World any member subjected to an "armed War." And, "what is more important, attack." In defining an armed attack, again after 1945 and 1946, we demon- it stated specifically that such an at-An hour of intelligent study is worth two hours of listening to the strated that we still had not learned tack upon "the occupation forces of uninformed.

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