

MANY COLLEGES SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO CHICAGO CIVILIAN DEFENSE MEETING

PROFESSOR J. B. FINNEGAN, EARLE HUXHOLD HEAR PLANS FOR STUDENTS' PART IN HOME DEFENSE

"Plans to broaden civilian defense activities on the campus were discussed Saturday morning, January 17, by student body representatives and faculty members of eleven colleges and universities in the Chicago area who met in the Regional Office of Civilian Defense, Civic Opera Building," it was announced by Major Raymond J. Kelly, Director of the 6th Civilian Defense Region.

"James Ward, national co-ordinator of college activities for the youth division of the Office of Civilian Defense participated in the discussion centering around the principal theme of student morale and campus war attitudes," Major Kelly said. He indicated that special emphasis will be placed on the problem of integrating student volunteer services with the civilian defense program.

Other speakers were Major Kelly, Roger Holden, head of the American Red Cross for this area, and John F. Langdon, head of the youth program for the 6th Civilian Defense Region, who presided at the meeting.

"We plan to develop a full-range program of defense activities for high school and col-

leges," Langdon said, "which will include student participation in air-raid protection committees, fire-fighting, health and medical services, publicity work, conservation committees, consumer problems, money-raising committees, civilian morale, community morale, and cooperation in USO work."

An important feature of the conference was the exchange of views on programs already under way at certain campuses and new programs planned for fuller student participation in civilian defense work.

Urging intensified defense work on the campuses, Major Kelly, declared that:

"Our national war effort needs all of the student volunteer services and the resources of colleges and universities that are available. Campus participation is required for an adequate civilian defense program."

In attendance at the meeting Saturday morning were Joseph B. Finnegan, professor of fire protection engineering at IIT, and Earle G. Huxhold, president of the student association. Representatives from other colleges and universities in the Chicago area were also present.

Junior Professional Assistant, Student Aid Exams Announced

Annual Civil Service examinations have been announced for Junior Professional Assistants and Student Aids. They are the annual examinations designed to recruit young college graduates and junior and senior students for positions in the government service. Applications for these examinations must be on file with the Civil Service Commission's Washington office not later than February 3, 1942.

Many Options

Optional branches in the Junior Professional Assistant are many and varied with the eligibility requiring a bachelor's degree with major study in the field of the optional subject.

Options in the Student Aid include engineering, political science, public administration and statistics. Eligible are students who intend to complete three years of college work by July 1, 1942, and who have indicated majoring in the option.

Complete details and copies of the examination announcements and the application forms may be secured at first- and second-class post offices or from the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

STUDENT OPINION SURVEY SHOWS THAT YOUTH APPROVES BOMBING OF JAP CITIES

OVER NINETY PERCENT FAVOR RETALIATION FOR NIPPONESE REFUSAL TO RESPECT OPEN CITIES

A great majority of the American college students are all hepped up about the Japs bombing open cities. Before the World War II, much was said in regard to the advantages and disadvantages of dropping explosives over civilian population centers, but in recent weeks it has been shown that bombing cities has become an integral part of modern war strategy.

Students were lukewarm toward the idea of bombing civilian populations. However, since the Japanese bombed Manila, strong feeling has flared up in the hearts of every red blooded American towards retaliation on our part.

Despite this feeling toward the Japs, the Student Opinion Survey revealed that more than one-fourth of those interviewed specified that our fliers should attempt to strike at military objectives only. This is how opinion divides:

"Do you approve or disapprove of the U. S. air force bombing Japanese cities?"

Approve	63%
Approve, but military objectives only	29%
Disapprove	6%
Undecided	2%

The problems involved in singling out military objectives, and the geographical difficulties of attacking the Japanese Islands from the air, are, of course, not taken up in this survey. All this is reflected in the general attitude of college students, many of whom, since the army and navy air corps prefer college-trained men, are the potential pilots who will participate in the raids already promised the Japanese.

Little difference of opinion is shown among the youth in the eastern and western parts of the country. Perhaps it is the nearness of the Pacific conflict to the westerners and the realization of their own danger from the sky that makes them say "Bomb Jap cities, but only military objectives."

	East	West
	U. S.	U. S.
Approve of bombing cities	65%	56%
Military objectives only	27	35
Disapprove	6	6
Undecided	2	3
Whatever the final decision may be, let's "keep 'em flying" so that they can precipitate showers of lead on the "Yaps."		



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