

in occupied Europe and the Orient. The fact that the liberal arts course has remained open in Canada is thereby rendered all the more important. Canadian universities are making every effort consistent with national interests to continue their normal activities in the fields of instruction and research.

Canadian universities do have then a somewhat preferred position, based on the assumption that the student is best serving the national interests by educating himself before enlisting in the services. In return for his preferred position the college student must conform to strict military regulations.

Since the outbreak of war the military status of university students has been under constant consideration by the universities and the various government departments concerned with the allocation of manpower. Finally it was decided to set up a formal organization to consider and report on manpower problems affecting the universities in wartime. On December 27, 1943, the appointment of a University Advisory Board was announced with Arthur MacNamara, director of National Selective Service, as chairman; Dr. Sidney Smith, then president of the University of Manitoba, now executive assistant to the president of the University of Toronto, as vice-chairman, and H. W. Lea, director of the Wartime Bureau of Technical Personnel, as secretary.

Holding its initial meeting in Ottawa on January 6, 1944, the Board laid down the following policy in respect of university students:

1. Any male student of the age of 18½ years or more, who is subject to call under the National Selective Service mobilization regulations and who is enrolled in any of the following degree courses in any Canadian university or college shall be considered to be pursuing a course contributing to the prosecution of the war or in the national interest:

- (a) Medicine
- (b) Dentistry
- (c) Engineering or applied science
- (d) Architecture
- (e) Agriculture
- (f) Pharmacy
- (g) Forestry
- (h) Education
- (i) Commerce
- (j) Veterinary science
- (k) Specialized courses in mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology or geology or in courses which enable students to prepare and qualify for specialized courses in mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology or geology.

2. Any male student of the age of 18½ years or more, who is subject to call under the National Selective Service mobilization regulations and is enrolled in any degree course not enumerated in paragraph 1 above, will be considered to be pursuing a course essential to the national interest provided that in the regular session of 1943-44 he is in the upper half of all the students enrolled in the same academic year of his course as determined by the final examinations for the session.