

(B) WAR ORGANIZATION AND REGULATIONS

1. NEW FOUR-MONTH TRAINING PERIOD UNDER NATIONAL RESOURCES MOBILIZATION ACT, STATEMENT OF PRIME MINISTER, FEBRUARY 3, 1941.

Replacing the original 30-day military training scheme under the National Resources Mobilization Act, the first of a new four-months' training plan will begin about March 15, when it is planned to call up between 6,000 and 6,500 men, and the same number each month afterward, according to announcement made on February 3, 1941 by the Prime Minister.

Those to be called, according to present arrangements, are all young men as they reach the age of 21. There will be no exemptions, though postponements may be worked out by the Boards of Review in the different districts.

The four months' period of training will be divided into basic training for two months and advanced training for a further two months. At the end of the first two months those who volunteer and are accepted for the Royal Canadian Navy or the Royal Canadian Air Force will be withdrawn and will go to Naval or Air Force schools. The others will go to advanced Training Schools where special training will be given in the particular arm of the service to which they are posted, preference being given as to the branch of the service for which each would like to qualify, as infantry, artillery, signals, army service corps, or ordnance.

At the end of four months, and unless the recruit desires to volunteer and is accepted for some active unit, he will be posted to a reserve unit and will return to civil life, being liable to recall if he should be required for service in Canada or for additional training.

2. STATEMENT REGARDING THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ORIENTALS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, RELEASED AT OTTAWA, JANUARY 6, 1941.

The Prime Minister announced at Ottawa to-day that the Government has been making a re-examination of the oriental situation in British Columbia and that a Special Committee appointed for this purpose has recently reported.